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Doctors talk tough as some go back

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The 101-day-old doctors' strike is apparently about to end. The Israel Medical Association's strike organizing committee yesterday got the green light from the chairmen of hospital strike committees throughout the country to go ahead with its plans for intensifying the strike.

At a four-hour meeting yesterday in Tel Aviv, more than 60 representatives of hospital committees empowered the IMA strike leadership to implement any one of the "four or five" schemes for widening the strike at the moment it deems appropriate. *The Jerusalem Post* learned last night.

The meeting also approved a proposal empowering the leadership to take steps to prevent Kupat Holim Clalit doctors from "acting independently" to return to work. This was the first indication at an official level that the clinic doctors are in fact "filtering back" into their workplaces, in defiance of IMA policy.

"There is some movement back into the clinics, encouraged by two or three leaders, which must be stopped," *The Post* was told last night. "Such action can be taken only after a vote by the national council of Kupat Holim doctors, which then must get the approval of the IMA strike leadership."

At yesterday's meeting, the doctors approved plans for expanding the services offered by their network of alternative medical centres (*mokdim*). Beefing up the *mokdim*, along with setting up their own medical insurance plan (a proposal now being seriously investigated by the IMA), is seen as the first step towards establishing a private medical service after the strike ends.

The meeting also approved mobilizing the public to urge the removal of the negotiations from the hands of the Finance Ministry and to call for the establishment of a public or ministerial committee to set doctors' wages and working hours.

There were no signs yesterday that talks between the IMA and the employers, which broke off last Friday, will be resumed anytime soon. (Search for a unicorn — page 6)



Four wolf cubs at Jerusalem's Biblical Zoo take a singing lesson yesterday from trainer Irit. The cubs must learn to howl from their human attendants, Irit says, because they are orphans and cannot follow the example of their own parents. (Yitzhak Elharar, Scoop 80)

Shamir warns Druse

Jerusalem Post Staff

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday issued a stern warning to Lebanese Druse siding with Israel's enemies not to delude themselves into thinking that, if they fire at Israeli soldiers, Israel will not fire back because of the close ties between the Druse in Israel and the State of Israel.

"If our soldiers are fired at, they will fire back," Shamir told a delegation of Israeli Druse led by their supreme religious leader, Sheikh Amin Tarif. The delegation appealed to the government to intervene in Lebanon to protect the Druse from harassment by the Christian Phalange.

Tarif told Shamir: "Apart from a few exceptions, the Druse of Lebanon are not hostile to Israel. On the contrary, they know that their welfare can be assured by a dialogue between their community and Israel."

The foreign minister replied that Israel is doing all in its power to keep the peace in Lebanon and it hopes that this peace will become so firmly rooted that it will persist after the Israel Defence Forces withdraw from Lebanon. (Photograph — Page 2)

Before the meeting with Shamir, Tarif told reporters that he and his colleagues fear the prospect of turmoil and strikes in the community if their coreligionists in Lebanon are victimized by the Phalange.

While this meeting was going on in Jerusalem, Matiyahu Shmuelovitz, director-general of the Prime Minister's office, said that armed Druse are involved in hostile acts against the IDF in Lebanon.

Speaking before a large number of Druse dignitaries, members of the Druse Zionist Organization in Daliat al-Carmel, Shmuelovitz stressed that Israeli soldiers were attacked recently by armed Druse belonging to a radical and left militia that reportedly represents only a small minority in the Druse community.

They cooperate with Syria for personal benefit, fear or ideology. But the IDF has not retaliated because of the friendly relations between the Israeli Druse and the government.

Thatcher heads for crushing win in UK poll

LONDON. — British Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was heading for a massive victory early today as the first results were announced in the British general elections.

BBC commentators said the Labour vote was collapsing mainly through defections to the Liberal-Social Democratic Alliance.

Computer predictions based on the first three results gave the Conservatives 388 seats, Labour 213 and the Alliance 26.

After hearing the first few results, Thatcher said: "We think Downing Street will be our home for the next five years."

Britons went to the polls in a general election that Thatcher said would deal a crushing blow to radical socialism and "reverberate through history."

Final opinion polls showed the Conservatives poised for the biggest election landslide in half a century. "I think we are going to win," said Thatcher as she and her husband, Denis, voted 20 minutes after polling stations opened at 7 a.m.

But Labour Party leader Michael Foot shrugged off the opinion surveys, saying: "We'll see what the real polls say today."

The election could signal a decisive shift in the British political system under which the Conservatives and Labour have alternated in office for 60 years.



Begin against Sharon demand for war-inquiry commission

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Menachem Begin opposes Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon's demand for an official inquiry into the conduct of the Lebanon war.

Sources close to Begin, who told his to *The Jerusalem Post* denied press reports that Begin bears a grudge against former Mossad chief Yitzhak Hafi for his clarification of its statement that a prime minister needs a special intelligence adviser, Hafi's clarifications were described as "quite adequate."

The sources said Begin has not paid much attention to reports emanating from Los Angeles, where Sharon is, to the effect that the latter is demanding that an inquiry commission be established. Sharon reportedly maintains that this is the only way of getting at the truth, because ministers would have to testify under oath.

But, if Sharon raises the matter in the cabinet, said the sources, it will be put to a vote and Sharon will discover that he has no support in the cabinet.

It is believed in Begin's office that this will be the end to the affair, as Sharon is not likely to get even the support of the Tehiya's Prof. Yuval Ne'eman.

Trade gap widens by 31%; imports ahead by \$1.4b.

Post Economic Reporter.

Israel's trade deficit — the excess of imports over exports — was 31 per cent higher in the first five months of this year than it was in the same period last year. This is due to a 9 per cent drop in exports and a 4 per cent rise in imports.

The deficit in the first five months of this year was \$1.4 billion, as compared to \$1.1b. in January-May, 1982, data released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics show.

The increased expenditure on imports, from \$3.3b. in January-May 1982 to \$3.4b. in the same period this year, occurred despite the 30 per cent drop in the price of imported oil.

Imports were boosted by a 25 per cent increase to the import of consumer goods — especially that of cars, which increased by about 46 per cent. Israelis imported \$131 million worth of cars compared to \$89m. in the first five months of 1982.

Last month, about \$34m. worth of cars were imported. This followed the public's anticipation of Treasury measures to curb imports, which were announced early this month.

The trade gap for May alone amounted to \$389m., as compared to \$309m. in May 1982, a 26 per cent increase. It was the eighth consecutive month in which the excess of imports over exports increased.

The increase in the import of investment goods also continued. They amounted to \$672m. in the first five months of this year, compared to \$543m. during the same period last year — a 36 per cent increase.



Toxic wastes leak from barrels red at Ramat Hovav.

NEWSBEAT/Liora Moriel and Patricia Golan

Sitting on a toxic timebomb

What happens to the 65 million cubic metres of toxic waste materials produced by Israel's factories every year? The nation's only authorized site for the disposal of these potentially dangerous materials, a rocky plateau, 12 kilometres south of Beersheba, called Ramat Hovav, has been closed since April 3, 1982. Since then, it seems that nobody is really sure what is happening to the enormous amounts of oil sludge, cyanide, pesticides, used cadmium batteries, heavy metals (such as lead, zinc and mercury) and even discarded medicines, produced by Israel's industries. Experts in the field agree that a lot of it finds its way to illegal dumps, but nothing is being done to stop this.

Recently, Minister of Industry and Trade Gideon Patt gave his ministry's subsidiary company, "Mivneh Ta'asia," a mandate to operate the Ramat Hovav site. "Mivneh Ta'asia" is the only firm in the country authorized to set up infrastructures for industrial parks, and originally set up the Ramat Hovav site.

"What this means for us on a practical level," says Danny Ne'eman, the company's chief planning engineer, "is that we must think very carefully about what we are doing. We have a closed site, full of piles of poisonous and dangerous materials, we have industries that want to dump their wastes at the site, and we have three governmental ministries (Health, Interior and Industry and Commerce) all waiting for a solution."

What is facing Ne'eman and his crew is an awesome task. "There is not even one person in Israel who has experience in dealing with toxic wastes; no one has first-hand experience and not just text book knowledge." He thinks that within three months he may have a realistic masterplan for the reopening of the site.

The urgent and vital need for providing a site for the disposal of the country's toxic wastes has long been recognized. Nevertheless, the bureaucratic handling of this

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Israeli PoWs say they are in good health, well treated

By MONA ZIADE
MASCUS (AP). — Nine months after their capture, four Israeli prisoners held by the PLO say they are being treated well and are in good health, but they complain they have not been visited by the International Red Cross for two months. Ne are well. We are in perfect health, there is no need to worry about it. But please tell our government not to stop the negotiations, use we want to be free soon."

Danny Gilboa, a 21-year-old student, on Wednesday after consulting with his three fellow prisoners.

The PLO's military chief, Khalil Wazir, said later Wednesday that negotiations on an exchange of the eight Israeli prisoners for thousands of Palestinians held by the Israelis were being bogged down by Ahmed Jibril, the leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command.

This reporter was taken by PLO escorts to where the four Israeli soldiers are being held, on condition that the location not be disclosed. Gilboa, Corporal Reuven Cohen, 21, and privates Eli Abutbul, 19, and Avi Montliski, 19, have been moved a few times since their capture last September.

Their present place of detention is a small house with no armed guards apparent nearby. The house consists of two rooms, a narrow corridor, a small kitchen and a bathroom. Six guards, mostly in civilian clothes, sat in one room, pistols and Kalashnikov automatic rifles laid on a shelf to one side.

The four prisoners were in the next room, watching television and playing cards with an unarmed guard. They sat on mattresses on the floor. On one wall above them was a large picture of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

This reporter was left alone with the four Israelis during the four-hour interview. Gilboa translated in heavily accented English for the other three, who spoke only Hebrew.

All four were dressed in blue jeans and shirts. Gilboa said the clothes had been brought from their homes by the Red Cross, along with more than 50 books and a stack of Hebrew newspapers and magazines. But he complained that there had been no recent visits from the Red Cross.

"They have not come to see us in two months, and we have had no

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear.
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	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	34	13-25	25
Golan	45	14-26	26
Nahariya	58	18-26	26
Safed	50	14-25	25
Hofa/Pari	64	22-25	25
Tiberias	38	17-33	33
Nazareth	—	15-25	25
Alula	49	17-28	28
Shomron	51	17-27	26
Tel Aviv	—	18-26	26
B-G Airport	57	17-27	27
Jericho	37	18-34	34
Gaza	72	18-25	25
Beersheva	37	14-30	30
Eilat	11	23-37	37

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Chaim Herzog received Sally Meyer, a philanthropist from Singapore, at Beit Hanassi.

Aura Herzog, wife of the president, held a reception Wednesday at Beit Hanassi, for women ambassadors from abroad and wives of foreign diplomats serving here. They were introduced to their hosts by Shulamit Shamir, wife of the foreign minister.

The British Ambassador and Mrs. Patrick Moberly gave a reception at their residence in Ramat Gan last night to celebrate the official birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Minister of Finance of the Dominican Republic, S.E. Don Jose Rafael Abinader, yesterday visited the Weizmann Institute of Science, and was received by Prof. Nathan Trainin.

The twelfth annual Gerhard Schmidt Memorial Lecture was given yesterday at the Weizmann Institute of Science by Prof. T. L. Blundell of Birbeck College, London. Prof. Blundell spoke on "Is the tertiary structure of proteins more conserved than their sequence in evolution?"

Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir will be guest speaker at the Haifa Maritime and Economics Club, Zion Hotel, at 1 p.m. today. Table reservations by phone: 537766.

MK Yosef Rom will be guest speaker at the Haifa Engineers Club, 1 p.m. today. Table reservations by phone: 674583.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Jemayel pledges efforts to free Ansar detainees

BEIRUT (AP). — President Amin Jemayel has pledged "continuous efforts" to win the release of thousands of Palestinian and Lebanese prisoners held in Israel's Ansar detention camp in Southern Lebanon.

State-run radio and television stations yesterday played up Jemayel's pledge, saying it was made during a cabinet session held at the presidential palace Wednesday night. The move appeared to be a goodwill gesture to the PLO, amid reports of backstage contacts to arrange a withdrawal of PLO terrorists from northern and eastern Lebanon.

Beirut radio stations and newspapers said a protest by Ansar prisoners, which involved burning tents and shouting anti-Israel slogans, entered its fourth day yesterday.

They said the Israeli garrison blared appeals for calm through loudspeakers on Wednesday, telling inmates that negotiations through the International Red Cross have reached agreement on an exchange of prisoners between Israel and the PLO.

The PLO has been demanding the release of all 5,000 Ansar prisoners for the eight Israelis the PLO captured during last summer's war in Lebanon.

IDF frees Lebanese held as suspected terrorists

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Dozens of South Lebanese residents arrested during the past two weeks on suspicion of terrorist acts against the Israel Defence Forces were released during the past two days.

The IDF arrested them during a wave of terrorist incidents primarily along the coastal road. Most of the suspects were from the villages of Dir Kanoun, Abassiyeh, Kana and Hanawiyyeh, to which they returned.

Some of the suspects were held at the Ansar detention camp in South Lebanon.

IDF sources denied that there were disturbances at the camp yesterday. But they said there had been disturbances in the previous three days, during which some tents were set afire and anti-Israel slogans chanted.

Major Sa'ad Haddad's South Lebanon militia stepped up its training yesterday in preparation for possible deployment in the security zone set up in South Lebanon in accordance with the Lebanon-Israel agreement.

A group of Shi'ite and Christian notables met yesterday with IDF officers and asked that the IDF not withdraw from Lebanon until Haddad's forces deploy throughout South Lebanon.

Their plea was apparently in response to the assassination attempt earlier this week against Shawkat Abdullah, one of the most prominent Shi'ite leaders in South Lebanon. They asked that the IDF's eventual withdrawal be tied to guarantees for their community's safety.

The notables, who included religious and business leaders, said they fear that an IDF withdrawal will leave a vacuum which will soon be filled by terrorists.

They also asked the IDF to strengthen the Haddad militia, saying that the Lebanese government forces cannot be relied upon to assure their security.

Unifil units from Norway and Fiji recently uncovered several mines in South Lebanon, which were dismantled without incident. Unifil units have also found caches of weapons belonging to terrorists.

Russians deny pushing for Syrian pullout

MOSCOW (AP). — Reports that the U.S. is working with the Soviet Union on getting Syrian troops out of Lebanon is "downright misinformation," the official Soviet news agency, Tass, said yesterday.

Tass also said a lasting settlement in the Middle East will not be possible unless the Soviet Union is of the bargaining table.

On Wednesday, after a meeting with U.S. President Ronald Reagan in Washington, Lebanese Foreign

Minister Elie Salem said he was assured the U.S. will "continue its efforts" and work with the Soviet Union, European allies and Arab states to persuade Syria to withdraw its forces.

Salem did not elaborate, and Tass did not specifically state that it was referring to his statement. The news agency said: "It is alleged in Washington" that the U.S. is working with the Russians on that Middle East issue.

Gaddafi welcomed in Saudi Arabia

JEDDAH. — Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Gaddafi arrived last night on an unprecedented official visit to Saudi Arabia and talks on mounting intra-Arab disputes.

Gaddafi, shunned for years as the "bad boy" of Arab politics, was given an official welcome at the airport by King Fahd and Crown Prince Abdullah.

He flew in from North Yemen, where President Ali Abdullah Saleh attempted to mediate a worsening dispute between the Libyan leader and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

Arafat has accused the Libyan leader of inciting and aiding the four-week-old rebellion in

Lebanon's Bekaa valley by breakaway factions from Fatah, the PLO's mainstream organization. He was in North Yemen when Gaddafi arrived there, but did not hold any meetings with him.

Prospects of an Arab mini-summit in North Yemen on the mutiny in Fatah receded yesterday when Gaddafi left Sana'a after talks with Saleh.

Gaddafi and Arafat flew here earlier yesterday raising expectations of a high-level meeting involving them, Saleh and South Yemen's President Ali Nasser Mohammed to discuss the mutiny. (AP, Reuters)

ARRIVALS

Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, President of the Jewish National Fund of America, for consultations with Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael, and to attend meetings of the Jewish Agency and Zionist General Council.

Frieda S. Lewis, National President of Hadassah, for meetings of the Zionist General Council and the Jewish Agency Assembly, and for Hadassah business.

Alvin Heaps, President, Lenore Miller, Secretary-Treasurer, Retail, Wholesale and Dep't Store Union AFL-CIO-CLC of the U.S., leading delegation of guests of Naamat, for a study mission in Israel.

Lebanon action was 'essential' — Roseanne

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israel Ambassador to the U.S. Meir Roseanne yesterday strongly defended his country's action in Lebanon as absolutely essential for maintaining Israel's security.

In his first public speech since arriving on Sunday, he told a packed luncheon at the 70th anniversary meeting of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League: "Unfortunately, we had to intervene in Lebanon to put an end to terrorism."

Roseanne said Israel today is "stronger than ever — not only because of our military power, but because the people of the world are with us." To back up his point, he said that he had come to Washington from France, where he served as Israel's ambassador, and had received "hundreds of letters" from Frenchmen praising Israel's assistance to the Lebanese Christians.

ICFTU. — Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel and Avraham Alon, head of the Labour federation's international department are to attend the 13th congress of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions in Oslo.



Sheikh Amin Tarif, supreme religious leader of the Druze in Israel, meets with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir in the latter's office in Jerusalem yesterday.

Graveside Lebanon appeal as two IDF men are buried

By YIGAL BICHOV
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GIVAT HAIM (Ihud). — Samal-Rishon Yosef Ben-Or, one of the two soldiers who was killed in Beirut on Wednesday, was buried yesterday in the cemetery of this kibbutz where he lived. He and Samal Moshe Edelstein were killed when a booby-trapped car exploded as their motorized patrol was passing it near the Galerie Sersaan crossing.

Edelstein, of Kibbutz Ramat David, was buried yesterday in the military section of the cemetery the settlement shares with two neighbouring kibbutzim. He was 21, and is survived by his wife and 14-month-old son.

Thousands of people attended the funeral of Ben-Or, 33, who leaves a wife and two sons. In accordance with the wishes of the family, the ceremony was conducted without an Israel Defence Forces honour guard and without the services of a military cantor.

Eulogising Ben-Or, kibbutz member Gadi Gil said: "We have no complaints against the IDF and are firm in our belief that without a powerful army our existence would be in doubt. However, from this graveside we raise a cry to the government to get the army out of the vale of tears in Lebanon. There has been enough."

Ben-Or is the third member of the kibbutz to fall in Lebanon. At Edelstein's funeral the mourners included OC Southern Command Aluf Haim Erez. The funeral was conducted by members of the IDF chaplains corps. But at the request of the kibbutz, no volley was fired over the grave.

Itim reported that just a few days ago Edelstein phoned his wife Sharon to say he was not coming home on leave because he did not want to risk travelling unnecessarily on the roads in Lebanon.

Richard Arens: Israel has Nazi traits

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Richard Arens, Israel Defence Minister Moshe Arens' older brother, yesterday said he was "shocked" that the Israelis have displayed some — though not all — the characteristics of the Nazis.

At a news conference sponsored by the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee and in a separate interview published yesterday in *The Washington Post*, the 61-year-old Bridgeport (Connecticut) University law professor bitterly condemned Israel's "total disregard" of Palestinian human rights.

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Venezuelan Education Minister Professor Felipe Montilla Ortega visits a GADNA camp in the Jewish National Fund forest near Ness Harim in the Jerusalem Hills yesterday. (Scoop 80)

Eitan's disrupters at H.U. face hearing

A number of Hebrew University students who last week disrupted an assembly at the university addressed by former chief of staff Rafael Eitan face a disciplinary action. They are to appear before a university disciplinary panel, the university's spokesman said yesterday.

K. Shmona yeshiva gets new wing
Jerusalem Post Reporter
KIRYAT SHMONA. — A new wing of the town's yeshiva heder was dedicated on Wednesday in memory of six of its students who fell in the Lebanon war. Hundreds of yeshiva students participated in the ceremony.

Talks on compensation for inflation falter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut and the Manufacturers Association (IMA) yesterday failed to agree on pay rises to production workers to compensate them for the erosion of the purchasing power of their wages. Representatives of the two bodies are to meet again early next week.

Under the existing agreement, purchasing power of the workers' wages is checked in April and compensatory payments made as soon as possible. The IMA yesterday asked for more time to examine the figures.

AWARD. — The Ramat Hanegev Regional Council received this year's music and dance award *Omorot Lo'am* (Arts for the People).

Yeshiva students disrupt 'Messiah' concert in J'lem

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem police last night arrested 15 young men, allegedly students at the Merkaz Harav yeshiva, for disrupting a performance of Handel's *Messiah* at Binyanei Ha'uma.

Before the concert began, about 100 students from Merkaz Harav demonstrated outside the concert hall. According to witnesses, they complained to concertgoers that the evening's musical programme was "anti-Jewish."

Soon after the concert began, about 15 students — who had bought tickets and were seated in

the hall — rushed down the aisle, leaped onto the stage and began shouting slogans.

According to the police, members of the audience, at first shocked by the protest, began booing the demonstrators. Some audience members rushed to the stage to tussle with the protesters.

Police arrived after several minutes and broke up the demonstration. The concert resumed after about 20 minutes and was made.

The performance was by the Utah Oratorio Society and the Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra.

J'lem police chief initiates 'peace' meeting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Orthodox and non-observant leaders from a number of "mixed" neighbourhoods are to meet today with Jerusalem police chief Tzvi Nitzav Rahamim Comfort to discuss how to restore peace and quiet to the quarters. Comfort initiated the meeting.

On Wednesday night, Orthodox residents attacked a local com-

munity centre during a party for newly enlisted soldiers. Three policemen were injured in the ensuing brawl and eight students from the Belz yeshiva were arrested.

Earlier this year, Orthodox residents attacked a non-observant couple because they didn't like their "lifestyle," and an apartment belonging to another couple was firebombed.

Unesco accused of anti-Semitism

OSLO (AP). — The international hearing on anti-Semitism here this week heard one of its strongest accusations against the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco).

Prof. Giuliana Limiti of the University of Rome was quoted by the Oslo newspaper, *Vårt Land*, as saying:

"Even if the word is never mentioned, Unesco is in practice marked by anti-Semitism and has developed into a centre for verbal

attacks on Israel."

According to the newspaper report, she said: "Unesco takes advantage of every opportunity to condemn Israel," and "Unesco does nothing to fight against anti-Semitism, despite the fact that the organization was set up to fight against all kinds of discrimination and racism."

"On the other hand, Unesco has recognized the Palestine Liberation Organization, which in its charter aims at the liquidation of Israel, a UN member country."

4 hurt during fight that started on bus

Four residents of East Jerusalem were injured in a fight that started on a Jerusalem-bound Arab bus after some youths allegedly insulted a girl passenger.

The fight broke out when a relative of the girl replied to the insult. By the time the bus reached the central bus station opposite Damascus Gate, one of the four had been stabbed in the chest.

As soon as the passengers got off the bus, more than 40 persons joined the fight. Someone then fired a pistol into the air to calm tempers, but the other three were injured after that.

All four were taken to Hadassah Hospital on Mt. Scopus. (Iltim)

Italian CoS visits his men in Beirut

BEIRUT (AP). — Italian Army Chief of Staff General Umberto Cappuzzo yesterday ended a 24-hour visit to Italian soldiers serving in the Multinational Force in Lebanon.

Cappuzzo toured the positions of the 2,100-member contingent, the largest in the 5,400 man peace force, which also includes U.S., French and British troops.

Zimbabwe beats Aussies
There was a sensation on the opening day of the World Cricket Cup in England when Zimbabwe defeated Australia by 13 runs at Nottingham. Zimbabwe 239 for six (60 overs); Australia 226 for seven (60 overs). (see earlier story p.4)

We mourn the death of my husband, our father, grandfather

JOSEF MAHRER

The funeral will take place today, Friday, June 10, 1983, leaving at 12 noon from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Dafna, Tel Aviv, for the Southern Cemetery on the Holon — Bat Yam boundary.
A bus will be available for those attending.

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The Baitner Family
Karl Witlin

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JERUSALEM POST POLL

49.9% against concessions to Jordan

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Almost half of the public opposes territorial concessions in Judea and Samaria even as part of a peace agreement with Jordan, with only a slightly smaller portion in favour of compromise. This is the finding of the latest poll conducted for *The Jerusalem Post* by Modi'in Ezerah under the direction of Dr. Sarah Shemer.

A representative sample of 1,091 persons was interviewed between May 2 and 10.

The finding is similar to those of a

poll carried out for *The Post* in March. There has been a slight rise, however, in the size of the political centre, chiefly at the expense of the dovish extreme. Of those polled, 49.9 per cent said they oppose "any concession whatever" in Judea and Samaria to Jordan. In the March poll, 50 per cent opposed any concession.

The pollsters defined the centrist position as the one expressive readiness to give up "some of Judea and Samaria." In the latest poll, 35.6 per cent held that opinion, against 31.9 per cent in March. The increase, according to Shemer, is

chiefly the result of a shift to the centre from dovish positions.

The doves are identified as those willing to cede to Jordan all of Judea and Samaria, but not East Jerusalem. This was the view of 8.1 per cent, a drop from the 9.9 per cent in March. The extreme doves, those willing to give up all of Judea and Samaria and East Jerusalem, account for 2.2 per cent of those polled, a decline from the 3.4 per cent in March. The rest of those questioned did not reply.

The number of doves (moderate and extreme) dropped 3 per cent.

Two officers may face trial for harassing Hebron Arabs

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The chief army prosecutor is to decide within a few days whether to accept the recommendation of lawyers on his staff to initiate legal proceedings against two senior officers for allegedly ordering and encouraging the beating and harassment of Arabs in Hebron during disturbances there last spring.

The two officers are Aluf-Mishne (colonel) Yo'acov Hartabi, the former military commander of Judea/Samaria, and Sgan-Aluf (lieut.-col.) Shalom Lugassi, former Judea district commander. Hartabi is attending a staff officers training course and Lugassi serves in the Central Command headquarters staff.

The prosecutor's staff has apparently concluded that Hartabi should face a special military tribunal, as is customary with officers of his rank, and Lugassi should face disciplinary proceedings before the OC Central Command. These recommendations must be endorsed by the chief army prosecutor, who then must

present them to Judge Advocate General Tat-Aluf Dov Shefi.

At the trial earlier this year of an officer and several soldiers accused of beating and harassing Arab detainees in Hebron last spring, testimony indicated that Hartabi had ordered soldiers to shoot at solar heaters, smash wrist watches and shoot down alleys in the Deheishe refugee camp at Bethlehem.

Witnesses at the trial in the Jaffa military court also charged that on one occasion Hartabi told his officers and troops to "deal with" a group of students from the local university, who had been detained when officials of the Judea and Samaria Civil Administration were attacked on campus. To those present, Hartabi's order was clearly meant to indicate that the students should be beaten.

Lugassi is alleged to have participated in an number of "irregular acts unbecoming to an officer," but details were not divulged by sources close to the investigation.

The Jaffa military judges said that Hartabi's orders, if they were given, were "blatantly illegal."

Two prisoners die in Gaza jail

GAZA (Itim). — Two security prisoners were found dead in their cell in the local jail yesterday morning with a rope coiled around their necks. The other 22 prisoners in the same cell in the Gaza central prison refused to cooperate with police probing the deaths.

The spokesman for the Prisons Service said that a committee has been set up to investigate the deaths.

The two dead men are Mashhur Darwish Attal, 22, and Mohammed Nasser Masud, 23.

Police believe that the pair was suspected by other prisoners of cooperating with the prison authorities.

Nablus boy lightly hurt during clash

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An unidentified Arab youth in Nablus was slightly injured in the head during a clash in which a soldier used his rifle to fire a teargas grenade.

A patrol moving through the town's casbah was attacked with stones by a group of youths, a military spokesman said. When the youths refused to disperse, the commander of the patrol reportedly fired a teargas grenade. It is not clear whether the grenade or a rock fragment from a ricochet struck the injured youth.

Rock throwing was also reported from the Jalazon refugee camp north of Ramallah.

Dudein, village league chief, is hospitalized

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mustapha Dudein, chairman of the Federation of Palestinian Leagues, was admitted yesterday to Haddassah Hospital in Ein Kerem for a medical examination. The nature of his complaint has not been disclosed.

The Federation is the roof organization of the village leagues created over the past three years in the West Bank with the help of the Israeli Civil Administration of Judea and Samaria.

Dudein, who founded the first league, in Hebron, established the federation with the encouragement of the civil administration late last year.



Jose Federico de Cervajal.
(Meyerowitz)

Top visitor predicts Israel-Spanish links

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Notwithstanding his long experience in political affairs, both underground and in high positions of state, Senor Jose Federico de Cervajal never expected his innocent question, delivered across a dinner table in Jerusalem this week, to spark a political explosion in Israel.

It was Cervajal, president of the Spanish Senate, who asked Haim Bar-Lev what concessions a Labour government might be willing to make to Syria on the Golan Heights.

Little noticed amid the repercussions following Bar-Lev's response, was the political significance of that occasion — Cervajal's very presence in Israel.

He is the highest ranking Spanish official ever to come here and his visit could herald the establishment of relations between the two countries in the not too distant future.

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, he said that he believes that diplomatic relations

will be established during the term of the present Socialist government of Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez, which took office last November.

Asked why relations have not yet been established, he said through an interpreter: "This question should be directed at previous governments, not the Socialists."

Cervajal made it clear that he was not sent to Israel by his government. He came on a private visit, he said, to deliver a lecture on the Jewish role in Spanish history, at the invitation of the Central Institute for Cultural Relations Israel-Iberoamericana, Spain and Portugal.

He also pointed out that he informed Gonzalez and the Spanish Foreign Ministry of his visit and that his presence here means that "the political atmosphere is undergoing a process of change."

There has been a spate of articles in the Spanish press recently favourably discussing the establishment of Spanish-Israeli relations. In an article in *Tiempo* in March, Anton Sarasqueta claimed that the previous government had planned

to establish such relations before being unseated.

Officials in Jerusalem exude a new optimism on the subject. "Today the question isn't if there will be relations but when," said one official. "Until 10 months ago the question was if."

Cervajal, the possible harbinger of this change, is an amiable, highly respected Madrid lawyer who joined the Socialists clandestinely in 1953 and defended political prisoners during the Franco regime. He was president of the commission charged with drawing up a new constitution for Spain following Franco's death. For several months in 1979 he headed a committee that ran the Socialist Party after Gonzalez resigned the leadership in a tactical maneuver.

He will carry back to Spain reports of Israel's strong desire for bi-lateral relations as expressed to him in meetings with leading political personalities of both the government and opposition, including Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Senior Japanese official to meet Shamir

Post Diplomatic Reporter

The highest-ranking Japanese government official ever to visit this country, Deputy Foreign Minister Toshiji Nakajima, was scheduled to arrive last night for a three-day visit.

Nakajima is due to call on Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir at noon today.

In his meetings here, Nakajima will discuss issues of mutual interest as well as the prospects for Middle East peace.

Japan was the first Asian country to open an embassy here in 1952

and Israel was among the first to establish diplomatic ties with Japan at the end of the post-war military occupation.

However, the fact that Japan gets more than 90 per cent of its oil from Arab states and has a great deal of trade with the Middle East has prompted most Japanese exporters to boycott Israel. Many Japanese products reach here indirectly.

Nakajima's visit is thought to reflect Japan's satisfaction at the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt, and the withdrawal agreement between Israel and Lebanon.

Kimche to Athens for official talks

Post Diplomatic Reporter

Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche left for Athens yesterday for a two-day visit at the invitation of the Greek deputy foreign minister.

Kimche will hold talks on relations between the two countries and on economic issues, arising out of Greek entry into the European

Community, which affects Israel's economy.

Ze'ev Sufot, the ministry's acting deputy director-general for Europe, accompanied Kimche.

Sufot made a secret visit to Athens during the winter to bring about an end to a boycott by Greek dockers of vessels plying the Piraeus-Haifa route in the wake of the war in Lebanon.

Radio work dispute cuts English news

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Kol Yisrael radio is trying to end a dispute between technicians and journalists in the English news department that reduced its news programme to only a short summary Wednesday night and yesterday.

Two minutes before the Wednesday night broadcast, the technician on duty informed a member of the news staff that he would not accept tapes that did not bear the signatures of the technicians who prepared them. The announcer was able to deliver only a three-minute news summary instead of the normal 15-minute programme.

According to news staffers, for at least 10 years the requirement of the technicians' signatures has been waived for news programmes, because of the pressure of time.

They further note that the objection has been lodged by the technicians' works committee and not the technical supervisors.

The technicians contend that the English news department was singled out because of a "large number of poor-quality tapes broadcast lately."

There has long been tension between radio journalists and technicians over who records interviews. Reporters would like to tape interviews themselves on portable cassette machines, and thus be more mobile and independent.

The technicians have opposed this, arguing that it will result in recordings of poorer technical quality. They are also obviously worried about the effect it would have on their jobs.

Jewish leaders talk via TV technology

Thousands of Jewish leaders in communities throughout the U.S. have held discussions about the forthcoming Jewish Agency Assembly in Jerusalem through the use of closed-circuit television.

This means of holding conferences without people leaving

their localities is widespread in the U.S. But this is the first time that it has been used by Jewish organizations, the Jewish Agency spokesman said.

More than 800 delegates will arrive in Jerusalem in two weeks for the annual Assembly.

High Court bars eviction of Tel Malhata Beduin families

The High Court of Justice yesterday issued a temporary injunction barring the defence minister and the Tel Malhata execution authority from evicting 240 Beduin families from the vicinity of the new air base at Nevatim in the Negev.

The injunction was issued at the request of nine families on behalf of the others. They argued that they have not received the compensation agreed upon with the government for their evacuation to new settlements at Kusifa and Arouar. Each family is to receive \$500,000 plus a "compassionate grant" of \$100,000.

The Defence Ministry issued eviction notices on Tuesday, giving the families five days to leave. The petitioners argued that they were told explicitly by the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee that they will not be evacuated until building plots with the necessary infrastructure were ready for them in the new towns.

Justice Menachem Elon headed a bench of three judges that heard the

petition. The petition was supported by affidavits submitted by Knesset Members Yosef Rom (Likud-Herut) and Yosef Sarid (Aliyot-Labour), who are respectively the chairman and a member of the Knesset subcommittee on the deployment of the Israel Defence Forces in the Negev. (Itim)

Zionist Golan Druse ask to put off elections

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — Pro-Israel Druse groups in the Golan Heights have asked the Interior Ministry to call off the local elections that are to be held in their villages in October.

In a letter sent to Interior Minister Yosef Burg, they said that if elections are held as scheduled on Pro-Israel Druse groups will be re-elected and only the pro-Syrian groups will win. Ministry officials said yesterday that it has not been decided whether to hold the elections as scheduled, but "Israeli democracy will know how to handle such a situation."



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letters from our families since the last time they came here."

He added quickly that "we are treated very good. We eat a lot. We play cards, chess and games with them (the guards). They are nice and we are now friends."

Montiliski said the guards had thrown a birthday party for him in March, with "a big cake, oranges, apples, Coke and tea."

The four men said they sleep in one room, which has a window with thick iron bars. The window is open, but an orange cloth hangs over it to prevent anyone from seeing in. The guards sleep in the next room, they said.

They are not allowed outside, the men said, but they move freely through the house.

Montiliski was the only one not neatly groomed. Gilboa said the younger man had not shaved or cut his hair since he was captured, and "he will not until he is out of here."

Gilboa said the four Israelis had never been mistreated by their captors. "Not once were we beaten. No, never insulted."

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South African rebels vow to avenge hangings

PRETORIA (AP). — South Africa yesterday hanged three Black-nationalist guerrillas who wanted to become "an inspiration to others" fighting White-minority rule.

Two hours before the men died at dawn, chapel bells pealed across Johannesburg's Black ghetto of Soweto to mark the first execution of African National Congress guerrillas in four years.

From its office in Lusaka, Zambia, the ANC vowed to avenge the deaths of its members, declaring: "Their example and their sacrifice must and will, for us, serve as a call to battle."

In the Indian Ocean city of Durban, police arrested 23 persons and scattered a crowd of some 400, mostly students, marching beneath the banner of the ANC.

Part of a crowd of about 700 demonstrators at the University of Zululand on Wednesday night set a police car alight to protest against the executions.

The hangings attracted immediate condemnation with France saying South Africa "ridicules the values it believes it represents."

The three guerrillas — Simon Mogerane, 23, Jerry Mosololi, 25, and Marcus Motaung, 27 — were convicted of killing four Black policemen in a series of attacks from 1979 to 1981.

They were hanged simultaneously, alongside a White man and another Black man convicted of non-political killings.

During their trial, the men admitted to a number of the charges but argued they should be treated as prisoners of war. The ANC is the largest guerrilla group trying to end rule by five million Whites over the Black majority of 21 million.

Next Thursday is the anniversary of the start of bloody race riots in 1976, a day usually marked by unrest in Black townships.

Militants among the 850,000

Asians and 2.7 million Coloureds, a government label for persons of mixed race, also observe the day.

Police and unarmed army patrols roamed Pretoria streets after the hangings. Officers in camouflage fatigues, some toting submachine guns, stood sentry duty well before dawn beneath the walls of the prison.

A ministerial-level council refused to commute the sentences Wednesday afternoon, and later that night a high court judge denied a request by one of the condemned for a postponement. On Monday, the government commuted the death sentences of three other ANC guerrillas convicted for non-fatal attacks.

Within seven hours of the executions, diplomatic criticism reached South Africa from Sweden, Italy, France, the Soviet Union and Holland, the mother country of the first Whites who settled the foot of

the continent in 1652. The Organization of African Unity, overwhelmingly opposed to apartheid, staged a moment of silence at its summit in the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa.

"We shall strike back by intensifying our armed struggle," ANC president Oliver Tambo told reporters at the summit.

Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda said: "My advice to the racist regime in South Africa is to establish a government of the people, by the people and for the people."

The South African Broadcasting Corporation, which reflects government policy, said the condemnations were misplaced.

"Those who criticize this course of action have lost perspective. It is the murder and destructive tactics of the terrorists that deserve universal condemnation," the SABC said in an editorial.

Mubarak arrives in Belgrade for talks

BELGRADE (Reuters). — President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt arrived in Belgrade yesterday for two days of talks with Yugoslav leaders on bilateral ties, major international issues and non-aligned policies.

Mubarak will also address the UN Conference on Trade and Development, which opened in Belgrade last Monday.

On his way back to Cairo on Friday, Mubarak will stop in Bucharest for talks with Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, Egyptian sources said.

OAU calls for Black African N-bomb

ADDIS ABABA (AP). — Black African nations should develop their own nuclear weapons to counter White-ruled South Africa, the outgoing secretary-general of the Organization of African Unity declared yesterday.

"Let us not be told about denuclearizing Africa when South Africa already has a nuclear arsenal," Edem Kodjo of Togo said in a report on his five years as administrative head of the body.

"Against whom is it manufacturing its atomic bombs?" Kodjo said of the Pretoria government. "Against us, of course." The duty of the African states is to resolutely embark on a nuclear programme, he said.

South Africa has repeatedly denied that it has a nuclear arsenal. But some independent specialists have suggested otherwise.

The African leaders revelled in newly found harmony after finally convening their twice-aborted summit and

averting the collapse of the OAU.

"We have silenced our detractors who were gloating over the disintegration of the symbol of our unity," declared Ethiopia's military leader, Mengistu Haile Mariam.

Mengistu was acclaimed new chairman of the Pan-African body on Wednesday night shortly after the opening of the summit, which had been delayed since Monday because of a long-standing dispute over whether to seat the Polisario Front guerrilla organization.

In a last-minute development, Polisario announced it would "voluntarily and temporarily not participate."

Delegations from 49 countries are here for three days of private discussions, starting with budget issues. According to unofficial accounts, members owe the OAU \$33.6 million in unpaid dues, dating back to the founding of the organization in 1963.

TOXIC TIMEBOMB

problematic issue has been one different from the handling of any other matter. Consequently, personal power plays and political jostlings have taken precedence over practical considerations, and the problem has yet to be solved.

There is an estimated 30 thousand tons of toxic wastes every year. Possibly 90 per cent of this is oil sludge, the heavy black fluid containing acid tar and cadmium, which is the by-product of refining heavy crude and motor oil. Because Israel's gasoline is not unleaded, this sludge also contains lead.

Lead and other heavy metals such as mercury, have a cumulative toxicity which, though not necessarily fatal, can result in chromosome damage leading to sterility, birth defects, miscarriage, and other insidious influences. By definition, toxic wastes are any materials produced as a result of an industrial process that have potentially dangerous properties.

Factories produce toxic wastes that are dangerous to the environment and to the population. In indiscriminate dumping of these wastes, in the absence of a proper facility, will inevitably result in their entry into the eco-system.

Two of the most notorious incidents involving the effects of toxic wastes on the population occurred

in Love Canal in the U.S. and the town of Seveso in Italy. Residents of the vicinity of the Love Canal toxic waste dump in upper New York State suffered chromosome damage and some 2500 people had to be evacuated.

In Seveso a chemical plant exploded, releasing large amounts of poisonous dioxin gas. The town was evacuated and some 400 children are known to have become mentally retarded from breathing the gas.

The Seveso plant was barely half the size of the Makhteshim chemical plant in Beersheba, which manufactures the same kinds of product. Fortunately, there have not yet been any major accidents of this sort in Israel, but there have been some close calls.

According to veterans in the field, just before the outbreak of the Six Day War, a highly-placed official in the Nature Reserves Authority (NRA), fearing a catastrophe if Beersheba's large Makhteshim chemical plant were bombed, arranged to have most of the dangerous chemicals placed in suitable containers and loaded onto a special train bound for the Oron siding in the Negev, far from populated areas. Makhteshim agreed; the train was loaded. Two days later, when the outcome of the

war was still uncertain, the train was discovered at the terminal in Lod.

Had these chemicals ignited in any way, vast quantities of toxic gases would have been released. The damages could have been far more serious than those resulting from enemy attack.

Several years later, a consignment of parathion, a highly toxic pesticide of the organo-phosphate family, was apparently damaged enroute to the Eilat harbour. As the barrels were being lifted by crane onto the ship, it was discovered that they were leaking. The workers immediately dumped the barrels into the sea.

Soon, fish of all sizes were seen dead along the Eilat beach. Only a small amount of the barrels' contents had actually seeped into the Red Sea by the time three courageous NRA officials, scuba-dived into the waters and managed to fish them out and have them buried somewhere in the desert.

Only this week a flock of migrating pelicans landed at the Ramat Hovav site and mistaking the pools of waste for water, waded in. The only two surviving birds were evacuated by the NRA.

Until late 1979, when the Ramat Hovav toxic waste disposal site was opened for the first time, most of

the country's toxic wastes were disposed of in a slapdash manner. Until 1971, when it became illegal by international law, ships carried containers of dangerous chemicals and residues out to the Mediterranean sea, where the containers were sunk.

Sludge was trucked out to a semi-official burial site near Ashdod, at best; at worst, the stuff was simply dumped into the nearest wadi. And into the Yarkon River near Tel Aviv, which became totally polluted and died.

Other toxic wastes found their way to abandoned quarries. Nobody knows where else the inventive — or merely lazy drivers took their bosses' industrial garbage. Toxic garbage.

From November 1979 to April 1982, the Ramat Hovav site was operational, and nearly 10,000 tons of toxic wastes were dumped there. Dumped...and not treated. Therefore many industries preferred to store their wastes in their own backyards, rather than to truck them down to what they felt was the mismanaged site of Ramat Hovav. Even with the relatively small amount of wastes that arrived at Ramat Hovav, by the time the site was closed by court order, it was already gutted.

(To be continued.)
Liora Moriel is our Beersheba reporter.
Patricia Galon is a freelance journalist in Jerusalem.

U.S. awaits Soviet reply to Reagan's N-arms plan

GENEVA (AP). — Soviet and U.S. negotiators met yesterday for the first full session in the new round of strategic arms reduction talks as the Americans awaited Moscow's reaction to President Ronald Reagan's signals of greater U.S. flexibility.

"I haven't read it yet," the acting Soviet chief delegate, Alexei Obukhov, unsimilingly told a reporter when asked whether he felt Reagan's announcement in Washington was a constructive move in the year-old talks.

The modifications of the U.S. plan, which omit a rigid ceiling on the number of long-range missiles and stress a count of warheads rather than missiles in any balanced reduction, was presented by Reagan as a "new opportunity not to be lost" by Soviet leaders.

Brushing aside further questions, Obukhov briskly led his team into the U.S. arms-control office building where he was awaited upstairs by the American chief negotiator, Edward Rowny.

The chief Soviet negotiator, Viktor Karpov, was absent. Obukhov said Karpov was ill and Soviet

sources said he was expected back late this week.

Reagan's new proposal emphasizes Soviet and U.S. nuclear warhead arsenals instead of missiles, and gives U.S. negotiators more flexibility in reaching an accord.

The change is designed to move the Soviet Union away from building multi-warhead missiles and toward small, single-warhead missiles that would be less threatening.

In Paris, NATO foreign ministers called on the Soviet Union yesterday to desist from threats and instead work for a positive outcome in U.S.-Soviet arms negotiations.

The West wishes "deep reductions and limitations" of both nuclear weapons and armed forces. NATO secretary general Joseph Luns said at the start of a two-day conference, the first NATO ministerial meeting held in France for 17 years.

The ministers are meeting for their last regular session before a December deadline when NATO is due to start deploying the first of 573 new U.S. nuclear missiles in Europe.

Ethiopian rebels release 12 kidnapped aid workers

KHARTOUM (AP). — Twelve relief workers captured last April by Ethiopian rebels were handed over yesterday to their embassies but were kept under wraps at the request of Sudanese security.

"They are not to see or speak to anyone until they are given permission by Sudanese security," a British embassy spokesman said.

He said he was not authorized to disclose the whereabouts of the workers, who crossed into Sudanese territory late on Wednesday.

U.S. Embassy officials and representatives of the Save The Children Fund, which employs some of the 12, were not available for comment.

Assafa Mamo, a spokesman for the Tigre Peoples Liberation Front, which abducted the 12, said the workers entered Sudan after touring Ethiopia's Tigre province as

"guests" of his guerrilla movement.

Guerrillas of the TPLF kidnapped the relief workers — four Britons, two Irish, two Italians, two Ethiopians, an American and an Indian — during a raid on the town of Korem in Tigre on April 20.

The TPLF has been fighting for the independence of Tigre since 1975.

Officials said they understood the relief workers were in good health and would probably not require any medical treatment.

They were expected to spend a day or two resting in private diplomatic residences in the Sudanese capital before flying to London.

Sudanese reluctance to permit reporters to meet the workers appeared aimed at playing down the episode and not offending the Ethiopian government.

Portugal faces new austerity measures

LISBON (AP). — Mario Soares was sworn in as prime minister of a coalition of Socialists and Social Democrats yesterday. He pledged that Portugal's first centrist government "will have the courage" to take unpopular austerity measures to combat the country's economic woes.

At the swearing-in of his 17-member cabinet, the 58-year-old Socialist leader thanked President Antonio Ramalho Eanes for accepting the coalition, but added that the new government's priority, economic recovery, "will not be easy, not at all."

In a clear reference to the coun-

try's \$13.1 billion (US\$89.5b.) foreign debt and last year's \$3.2b. (US\$14.4b.) balance-of-payments deficit, Soares said the government "will not shirk its responsibilities."

"This government will govern. It will take all the risks involved in doing so. It will have the political courage it deems necessary for (economic) improvement; no matter how hard those measures may be."

The three-time prime minister recalled Portugal's negotiation of three international loans totalling \$1b. (US\$45b.) in recent weeks to help meet repayment of its outstanding debts.

Turkish police jailed for killing detainee

ANKARA (Reuters). — Four Turkish policemen have been sentenced to prison terms of up to eight years by a military tribunal for torturing a left-wing political detainee to death three years ago.

The tribunal, sitting in the eastern province of Erzurum, found the

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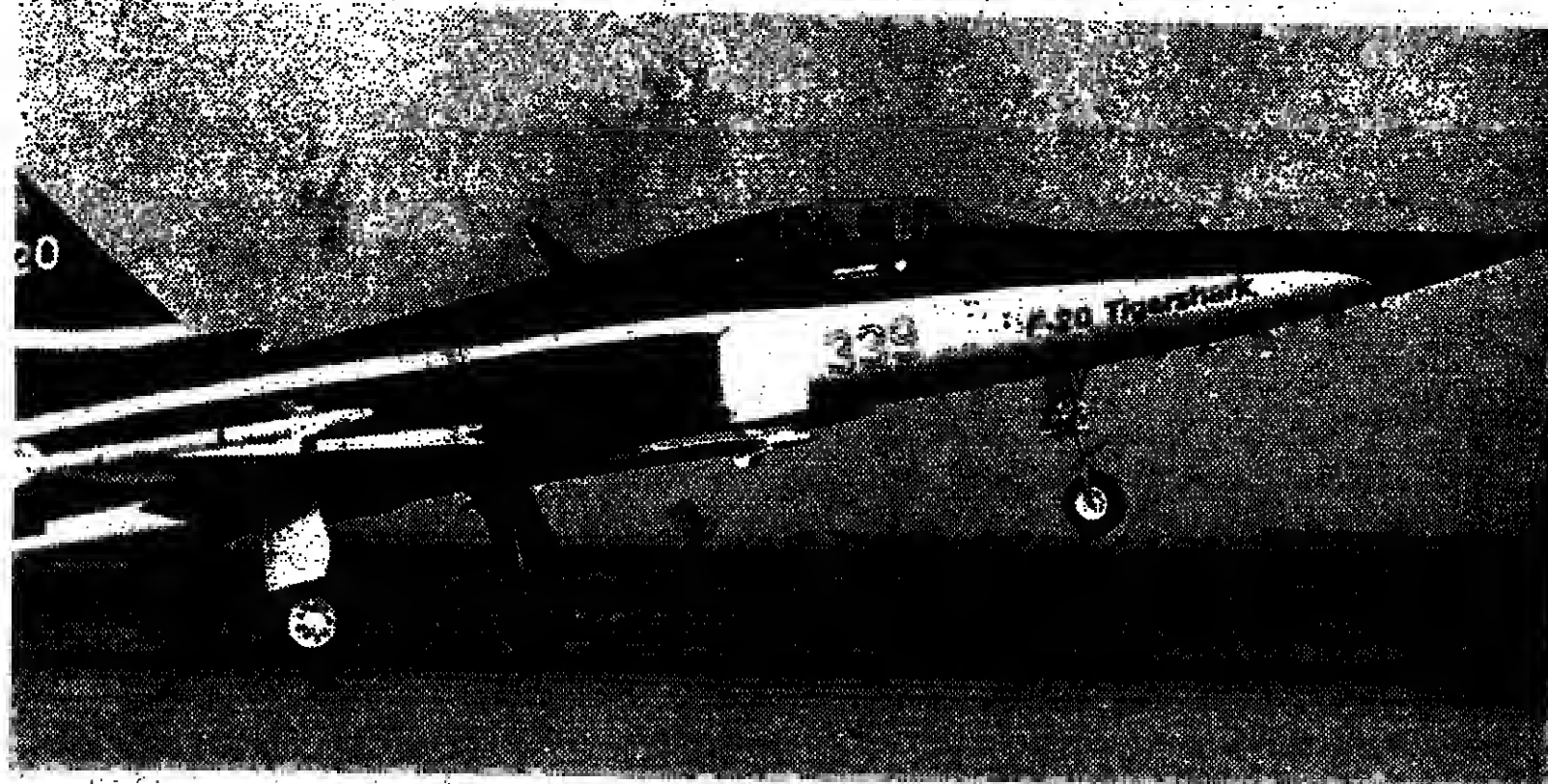
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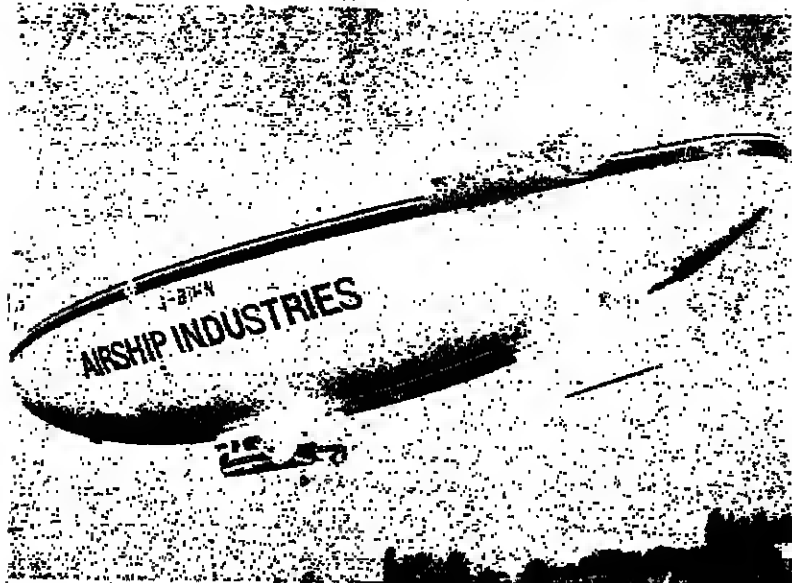
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Above, the American F-20 Tiger Shark fighter; below, the British Skyship 500.

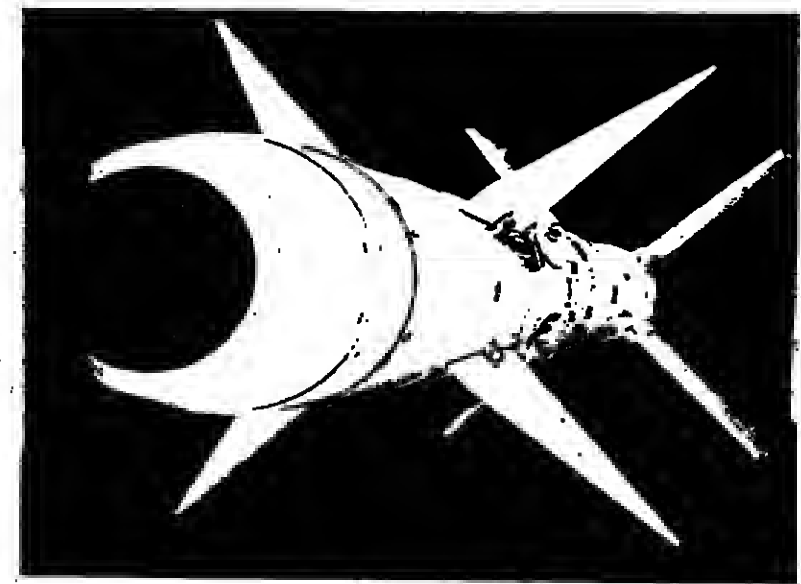


The Post's ALVIN HOFFMANN
goes to the Paris Air Show

Winged victories



Above, the Enterprise, piggy-back on a Boeing 747; below, Israel's Python III.



THE ROAR of heavy aeroengines is heard overhead, an unusual sound in the suburbs of Paris as the authorities don't allow flights over the capital. One looks up and a few hundred metres in the sky is a sight calculated to make one stagger to the nearest brasserie for succour. A monstrous twin is flying sedately by.

Riding piggy-back on a Boeing 747 Jumbo is Enterprise, the space shuttle, on its daily joy-ride around Paris. It is an unsold demonstration of America's aerospace might during the 35th International Aerospace Show at Le Bourget.

MOST PUNDITS agree that the aerospace industry is somewhat in the doldrums worldwide, so no effort was spared to put on a good show. With over 800 exhibitors and 200 flying craft on display, the cost of the 10-day extravaganza, which ended this week, came to hundreds of millions of dollars.

"Aerospace" apparently also includes the weapons that aircraft have at their disposal, as well as the means of protecting oneself from enemy planes. So a wide variety of missiles, bombs and guns were on display for anyone setting out to low his fellow-man to bits.

THE WINGED instruments of destruction were the ones that caught the eye. America's new F-20 Tiger Shark fighter is a slim, lethal

beauty of a plane. Built by Northrop, it made its international debut at the show. The Tiger Shark is still looking for customers, having lost to France's Dassault Mirage 2000 in a \$1.5 billion deal to supply two squadrons to Abu Dhabi.

Britain's Harrier jump jet's ability to hover is well known. But it is still a sight to see this heavy craft sustaining itself in almost the same spot and do an ungainly dance a few metres above the runway. Its manufacturers, British Aerospace, take care to advertise its battle-tested abilities, claiming that Harriers shot down 20 enemy aircraft without loss during the Falklands war.

Marked nearby was the French combination of Dassault's Etendard naval fighter, with Aerospace's Exocet missiles identical to those that chalked up successes for the Argentines against the British fleet in the Falklands.

ISRAEL upstaged the opposition in the stakes for the attack plane of the '90s by announcing on the eve of the show a firm flight date — February 1986 — for the prototype of the Israeli Aircraft Industries' Lavi. None of its rivals, Sweden's JAS-39, Britain's ACA and the French ACX will be anywhere near ready for test-flying by then. Nonetheless, impressive full-scale mock-ups of the ACA and ACX dominated the

main exhibition hall. IAI confined itself to showing drawings and specifications of the plane.

THE COMBAT planes always provide the glamour, but aerospace products provide the backbone for modern communications and transport.

Apart from the giant Boeing Jumbo and the European Airbus, scores of commercial craft were on display. The big birds are having a tough time in an era of rising costs, but the smaller 30-50 seat commuter planes have been riding out the global recession.

In the executive jet class, the Astra Westwind, due to roll out in September, caught the eye at the IAI pavilion. Then there were the light planes, the ultra-lights and gliders of all shapes and sizes.

Floating calmly above the crowds was a revival from the past — an airship. The prototype Skyship 500 carries 10 passengers, but its developers, Airship Industries of Britain, plan versions to carry up to 200.

SPACE projects were the prestige items. The U.S. space shuttle attracted most attention. But rising high above the crowds was Ariane, Western Europe's newest rocket for launching space satellites. The Arabsat communications satellite, built by Aerospace for the Arab League, is an ungainly, flimsy looking creature.

And the Russians were there, concentrating almost entirely on space. Their pavilion, crowded with visitors, featured the massive Salyut

space laboratory and a Soyuz nose-cone complete with re-entry burns on the metal skin.

A MAJOR publicity boost for the two Israeli pavilions was the visit of Defence Minister Moshe Arens. The crush of media personnel was so great that it appeared as if the Israeli Export Institute pavilion would come apart at the seams.

Arens, an aeronautical engineer, was obviously pleased to be talking shop with the exhibitors, but could not have been able to assimilate much in a half-hour whisk through the pavilions under the glare of the TV camera lights.

Afterwards, Arens asserted that Israel is now a world leader in aerospace.

Well, the local industry does have some unique combat-proven expertise. In the field of electronic counter-measures, detection and pilotless miniplanes, it is well up with the rest. The Lavi is also a frontrunner in next generation attack aircraft. But the Lavi has not yet flown, so it is a bit early to boast about it, and in any case the engine and vital high-technology wing and tail parts are to be procured in the U.S. As for the space part of aerospace, Israel is not involved.

The Lavi and IAI Scout mini remotely-piloted plane drew a lot of attention, including a long hard look by three men of "Middle-Eastern appearance" who later identified themselves as Jordanian pilots.

The Israeli Export Institute pavilion grouped some 18 firms, 10 of which had their own stand; the

remainder exhibited as part of the Defence Sales Office stand.

Rafael had the most exciting stand, showing off three missiles: the combat-proven Python III air-to-air missile, the new ship-defence anti-missile missile, PDM (Barak), and a surface-to-air system.

Beit Shמש engines demonstrated that it was well up in the field of compact engines, with

its Sorek-4 for missiles and pilotless drones.

AS FOR SALES — sometimes the show is the occasion for the announcement of a multi-million dollar deal. But as a high IAI source said: "If you don't know the buyers before the show, and if they don't know you, you haven't done your homework. In any case, deals such as these often take years of pains-

taking effort to hatch."

The show mainly provided an opportunity for those in the aerospace industry to get together in one place and pursue previous contacts.

"No one's going to walk into your stand and buy a \$1m. plane off the shelf," said the source.

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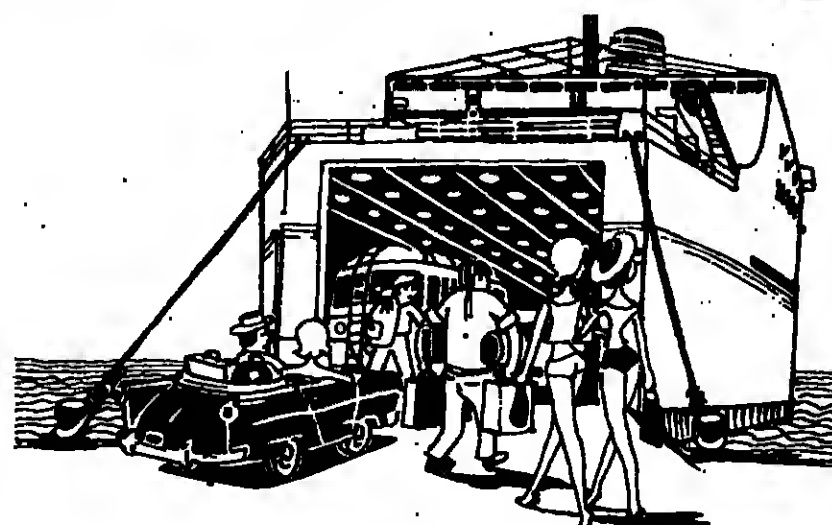
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IT IS just as well that the Alignment and Shinui have put off for a week the tabling of their motions in the Knesset to establish a commission of inquiry into the conduct of the war in Lebanon. There is just a glimmer of hope that they may use that time to think again and to shelve the initiative for good.

There can be little doubt that the ways in which the war was decided on and conducted constitute one of the most delecting passages in Israel's political and military history. But that is no reason to set up a judicial commission of inquiry.

The main objection to a commission is that it would be superfluous. The media have done such an excellent job of exposing what went wrong during the past year that there is little that could or should be made public that a full-fledged commission of inquiry could add.

The way the public is learning what went wrong, and how abominably its democratically elected government performed in a period of crisis, should by rights lead to the resignation of the Begin government and the holding of new elections. In Israel's convoluted political system, it is not at all certain that this will happen.

But it is important, whatever the political outcome of present developments, that the judiciary not be directly involved. The more

ILL-ADVISED INITIATIVE

By YOSEF GOELL

Israel's leaders resort to the mechanism of a judicial commission to investigate issues at the centre of raging political disputes, the more the judicial system is endangered. Goodness knows, there is enough potential harm in the ludicrous decision to set up a judicial commission to "investigate" the assassination of Haim Arlosoroff 50 years ago.

It seems clear that this yet to resort to judicial commissions often serves as a substitute for acting with political courage. The Kahan-Commission investigation of Sabra and Shatilla is a case in point.

There was an alternative to establishing that commission: a courageous decision by Mr. Begin to sack Minister of Defence Ariel Sharon.

BY LAST October, Begin should have been aware of all that had

gone wrong in the war and of the degree to which Sharon was responsible for the bad advice given him, and for misleading the cabinet and the whole country. As prime minister, he should also have been aware by then of the degree of personal responsibility Sharon bore for the undermining of morale in the army.

Mr. Begin deserves high marks for personally and consistently preventing Sharon from taking over the defence portfolio and the army during the premier's first four years in office. And he bears sole responsibility for bowing to Sharon's persistent pressure to win the Defence Ministry following the 1981 elections.

Begin's courage failed him last October, and that compounds the breakdown of his leadership and judgement that has been so apparent since that brutally divisive

election campaign. Mr. Begin should resign. Relentless political pressure should be marshalled to bring him to do so. But a judicial commission should not be part of this.

The terms of reference of a judicial commission are determined by the prime minister and the cabinet. A Begin who refuses to resign because of partisan considerations can also be expected to set terms of reference for such an inquiry in such a way as to make its conclusions anti-climactic, if not pointless.

The temptations confronting the Alignment on this issue are all too obvious, and the unabashed self-serving aspect of the proposal may hurt the Opposition.

Labour won't be well-advised to turn its attention to setting its house in order, in at least three matters. It should speed up the process of parting company from Mapam and the elements represented by Yossi Sarid, for they are guaranteed to lose the party votes in the next election. Labour must also decide who will lead it into the next elections. Thirdly, it should forge a more persuasive stand on economic policy. This issue, without doubt, will figure centrally in elections, as the deterioration of Israel's economic situation deepens.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

The Friday Dry Bones



Search for a unicorn

By MARGERY GREENFELD

THE FIRST hundred days have passed. Today, on the 101st day, hospitals are working with 30 per cent of their normal staff. Kupat Holim Clalit clinics are receiving chronic patients (and virtually anyone else who comes along) two days a week, a network of alternative medical centres is treating all those willing to pay IS900, and financially-strapped doctors have stepped up their private practices.

So far, despite the spate of press reports at the beginning of the strike, not one fatality has been directly attributed to the strike. Israelis are not keeling over dead in the streets, emergency cases are being dealt with, and anyone with enough money and/or persistence can get treatment.

Displaying uncanny resilience — and an inexplicable willingness to accept this intolerable situation in virtual silence — the society has adapted to a chaotic and constantly fluctuating state of affairs in one of the areas most central to a person's sense of well-being and security.

SO WHAT's the problem? For one thing, the negotiations that could bring this strike to an end are mired yet again in one of their endless dead-ends. Representatives of each side proclaim to anyone who will listen that they would be only too happy to resume talking — if only the other side would come up with a "truly new proposal."

These "new proposals" have assumed the mythical and elusive quality of unicorns or the Loch Ness monster — everyone thinks he has seen one, but the other side remains stubbornly unconvinced that it is the real thing.

Talks between the Israel Medical Association and the employers — read: Treasury, with the participation on various occasions and in various combinations of the Health Ministry, Kupat Holim Clalit and Hadassah — have dragged on for more than 15 months, including the year before the strike broke out.

The talks, which even in their most halcyon days proceeded in desultory fits and starts, have been characterized by bitter personality clashes, intense jockeying for power and prestige and petty games (who calls whom? Is this a formal invitation? We won't come to Jerusalem — we won't meet in Tel Aviv).

The two ministers most directly concerned, whose differing approaches to the problem escalated into gloves-off sessions of insult-

hurling at several successive cabinet meetings, appear to have subsided into silence. Finance Minister Yoram Aridor has certainly got other problems on his mind, while Health Minister Eliezer Shostak seems to have lost much of his zeal in the aftermath of the "Big Walkout," which he perceived as a personal betrayal by the doctors, who had promised to hold off on any action until after that day's cabinet meeting.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin, whose intervention has been desperately sought by everyone from concerned patients and harried nurses to some of the country's medical luminaries, has steadfastly refused to stick as much as a toe into these boiling waters.

What is most worrisome here is that no one seems particularly worried. After a 10-day absence at the end of last month, I called on representatives of the Treasury, Kupat Holim, the Health Ministry and the IMA to ask "What's new?" The universal reply was a long sigh, followed by "Nothing. What did you expect?" I could almost see them shrugging their shoulders and smiling wryly at the other end of the line.

This seeming apathy may well be the result of months of discouragement, frustration and stress, exacerbated by lack of sleep, suffered by all those involved. Clearly, everyone has lost — or will lose — something from this strike; the doctors are concerned about the medical and ethical implications, the loss of public confidence in medicine, and their immediate problems of making ends meet. Kupat Holim Clalit, no matter what the outcome of dispute, has certainly suffered a grievous blow; it will never be the same as before. The Health Ministry has proven ineffectual in controlling its purview. And the Treasury, by shooting from every rooftop that it will never go over 22 per cent, will look foolish when it has to break the sacred limit, as is almost inevitable.

THOSE WHO HAVE the most to lose are, of course, the citizens of the State of Israel. While it is true that there have been no corpses in the street, this strike represents a clear and present danger to the public's health. Its effects will start to be felt within the next few weeks and months, when the results of delayed operations and tests, missed diagnoses and lack of follow-up bring people to emergency rooms with advanced, and perhaps irreversible,

damage.

It is clear that the strike is not going to end of its own accord. There will be another "intensification," another flurry of activity, another lull. The doctors are settling in for the long haul, planning their steps for the "next few months." There has been talk of the "next two years." The Treasury is in no hurry.

There are at least two possible solutions, both requiring much courage and a certain amount of vision. The first, compromise, would mean that both sides would have to have enough to climb down from the treacherous of their irreconcilable demands and settle for something less than a total victory. The doctors would have to take less than the doubling of basic wages they demand (and in many cases, deserve) in light of the nation's woeful economic state. And the Treasury, if it were imaginative and daring enough, could try to work out an arrangement with its partner in the collective wages agreement, the Histadrut, to release the doctors from the 22-per cent limit (an agreement which, in any case, they never signed).

The second type of solution involves turning the dispute over to an outside party — be it an agreed arbitrator, a special ministerial committee or even the Knesset Finance Committee — for settlement. This would mean that the Treasury would no longer be leading the charge or directing the battle — a prospect that Aridor last month found so distasteful that he threatened to resign if such a thing came about. But it seems clear that the present form of negotiations — or their lack — is leading nowhere and that changing both the method and the personalities could help.

Another possible solution may now be creating itself, if the persistent rumours about secret negotiations between Kupat Holim Clalit and its doctors are indeed true. Such a separate agreement, if the fund's hospital doctors join in, would cover more than half of the IMA membership, and would leave the rest of the doctors with much less leverage, and a greater potential for flexibility.

There are many other possibilities and permutations. All of them would take a lot of inventiveness, perseverance and downright courage.

Will the white knight please step forward?

The writer is The Jerusalem health reporter.

Frustration and despair

By DAVID RICHARDSON

arrest for the past 18 months because of his membership in the now outlawed pro-PLO National Guidance Committee.

The past month has seen clear expressions of political reaction and adjustment in the territories to the dramatic changes in the Palestinian situation.

Certainly the most violent of these have been the clashes between pro-PLO "nationalist" students and their fundamentalist "Moslem Brotherhood" peers on campuses over the past week.

Last Saturday at Al Najah university in Nablus, students supporting the Moslem Brotherhood stood by idly as their pro-PLO colleagues clashed with troops to protest the anniversaries of the Six Day War and the invasion of Lebanon.

At Birzeit University, where nationalist student politics in the territories was born, seven people were reportedly injured in clashes between pro-Moslem Brotherhood and pro-PLO groups.

The Birzeit incident followed an even more violent clash a few days earlier between similar rival groups at the Islamic University in Gaza.

"Attitudes in the West Bank still largely reflect attitudes in the Arab world, where the PLO's standing has declined dramatically," says an Israeli official who monitors the West Bank. "The PLO remains valid as a symbol in the eyes of a large sector of the population, but its operative power has declined. How much, and whether this will continue or be reversed can be disputed, but the fact that it has declined cannot."

There have been other signs that the PLO veto on dissenting opinion is not what it was.

IN THE HEBRON area, there has been cooperation at the local level between the head of the local village league, Jafnil al Amla, and members of the still powerful Ja'abari clan, who wish to re-

establish themselves in the mayor's office. A few months ago any dealings with anyone in the village leagues would have been unthinkable. Now, with the support of al Amla, a Ja'abari has been appointed head of the local board of education.

Earlier this month, American and European-trained professionals in East Jerusalem and Ramallah circulated a petition calling on the PLO to modify its position. The petition was dismissed by PLO supporters here as the work of pro-Jordanian interests, but it was circulated and sent abroad.

"We are not setting ourselves up as *asimna al badila*," the petition said. The Arabic phrase meaning "alternate leadership" is often employed to describe the subversive position of Palestinians in the territories to the PLO leadership abroad.

In Nablus, three large and wealthy local families organized a public meeting designed to get an Arab mayor appointed, instead of having an Israeli army officer running the town, which has been the situation since the dismissal of Basam Shak'a, one of the acknowledged PLO leaders in the West Bank.

Shak'a and his supporters among the students' committees and local labour unions were able to prevent any decision being taken, but the fact that the meeting could take place at all in the most staunchly nationalist town in the West Bank is significant.

FROM THE Israeli point of view, perhaps the most significant change has been the collapse of the boycott of the civil administration by mayors in the West Bank. Earlier this week the head of the civil administration, Tat Aluf Shlomo Ilya, paid an official working visit to Bethlehem, and this was preceded by visits to the neighbouring towns of Beit Jalla and Beit Sahour.

At a meeting of Arab mayors in the West Bank on May 17, there was an open dispute between mayors who once dictated to others and those who advocated dealings with the Israeli administration.

The PLO itself has not commented on these meetings, and sources in East Jerusalem said this week that the organization basically supports the end of the boycott. "The municipalities are the only

real political institution we in the territories have," said one man.

There is also some talk of having Arab mayors appointed (instead of having Israeli officers run things) in Nablus, Ramallah and El Bireh and of eventually holding elections in each town separately. This, it is argued, would not focus the frenzy of nationalist feelings on a single election day, as was the case in the previous elections in 1976, which saw the demise of the traditional leadership and the election of many radically nationalist mayors.

A PARTICULARLY perceptive and sensitive Palestinian acquaintance who is attuned to Western thinking put it this way this week. "I know that seen from outside the Palestinian positions make no sense, are absolutely irrational. Our situation here appears so desperate. But when you live here, you see, the rhythm of life goes on."

He mentioned a young man of twenty he knows who was resolutely opposed to the rapprochement with Hussein. "I wondered to myself how he could justify this — surely at that age you must have dreams and some hope that their future will be better. But he has adjusted to his life being one long struggle."

"It's like the attitude of those refugees who continue to live in camps in the West Bank. Such a long time has passed already that it is unclear where they are refugees from, and from which war. And yet they continue to wait to go back. They live with that myth. In the end our strength of purpose is all we have."

The continued denial of legitimacy to an Israeli presence in the territories after 16 years is reassuring," said Dakkak.

Emigration from the West Bank, so often talked about by those Israelis who hope that the Palestinians will eventually give up the struggle and leave, is no longer an alternative. "Where can we go? The Arab states don't want us. Jordan won't allow any massive influx and there is also a limit on the numbers that could move to the West," my acquaintance said.

"Perhaps I could come to the stage of demanding Israeli citizenship," he continued, "but that is a long way off. In the end when self-determination is denied, the point must come when there is only violent disruption of what is."

My acquaintance admitted that he has recently become disillusioned with the PLO, because it is losing its independence, but he subscribes to its leadership and sees it as a "means to an end."

For the time being, it is still too early to predict whether the majority of people on the West Bank are willing to abandon the PLO as the means to an end they all share — self determination.

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CHANGING MODELS. Now that Ariel Sharon has relinquished the titles of "the 20th century Judah Maccabee" and "the modern Hannibal," some are suggesting that the once-unstoppable Arik is seriously considering patterning himself after another historical figure.

They say that Sharon is planning a Samson act, pulling down the temple of the second Begin government with his demands for an official inquiry into charges (by Deputy Premier Simcha Ehrlich, among others) that he "hijacked the war" from the cabinet.

Insiders say that with little to do in his East Jerusalem office other than dodge Deputy Premier David Levy, Sharon has spent much time lately out of the country. They say his attacks from abroad are aimed not at his successor, Defence Minister Moshe (Misha) Arens, but at Prime Minister Menachem Begin himself.

Informed guessers think that Sunday's cabinet meeting will be an exercise in "everyone against Arik." Others say that a long-delayed Herut central committee meeting may be called to apply the *compromis* grace to the man Begin once called "mon general."

HIGHS AND LOWS. Begin's image seems to have improved on the other side of the Atlantic. One thousand top Americans, recently polled by U.S. News and World Report, ranked Begin third on the list of "most influential" foreign statesmen, just behind Britain's Margaret Thatcher and the African Pope John Paul II.

That's an impressive ranking, particularly when it is considered that the leader of little Israel is considered to have greater influence than Soviet bossman Yuri Andropov, who was only fourth. Of course, as some Americans pointed out to me, his means that Begin is respected — but not necessarily loved — in the U.S.

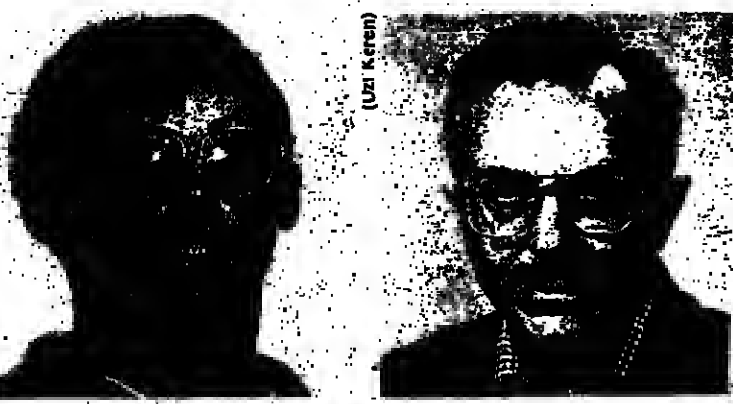
Returning home after several months in America, I was therefore surprised to note the low Begin profile here. The tone emanating from the Prime Minister's Office is not subdued, with even effervescent *chef de bureau* Yehiel Kadishai and Begin personal secretary Yona Hnizky more muted than usual. Beginologists don't agree on the use of what someone called the premier's resounding silence. Some see it as the bottom of a typical Begin behavioural curve, recalling a parallel dip in 1980, followed by a sharp upswing in time for the 1981 elections. There's nothing wrong with Begin that an audience of 1,000 can't cure, they argue.

Another school of thought has Begin, hardened by the Lebanese crisis and the continuing intifada, even though — unlike Arik Meir after the Yom Kippur war — he has refrained from sitting wounded in hospital.

Sharon as Samson



(Above) Ariel Sharon, Dr. Henry Kissinger, (Below) Benjamin Begin, Moshe Arens.



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Those expressing a third point of view seem to make the strongest case. They assert that Begin's continuing depression is a result of his insupportable grief for his late wife, Aliza, who was his closest confidant for 42 years. Since Mrs. Begin died last November, their younger daughter Lea has been running the prime ministerial household, with married daughter Hadasa Milo constantly at hand.

Meanwhile, firstborn Dr. Benjamin Ze'ev Begin has become his father's constant companion. The 40-year-old son's influence on Begin has been known for some years. The junior Begin, who is known for his strongly rightist views, has always sought to keep out of the public eye. Therefore, many people were surprised when his father took the unprecedented step of bringing him along to a ministerial meeting on the doctors' strike. In Herut, that move triggered a flurry of speculation among the faithful, with some wondering out loud whether their leader had dynastic plans.

While Begin has made no public appearances lately (he even stayed away from the stormy midweek meeting of the Herut secretariat), he did manage to devote 45 minutes to a meeting with Canadian Jewish

Congress president Milton Harris. In addition to briefing Harris on the intricacies of the Lebanese situation and expressing his disappointment at King Hussein's refusal to enter the peace process, Begin engaged his guest in a lively discussion of Canadian politics. Harris, who is a member of Premier Pierre Elliott Trudeau's Liberal Party, said that his host was most cordial, but that he seemed somewhat fatigued.

BEGIN's non-intervention in the secretariat caused some antennae to hum, particularly since information chief Gideon Gadot had sought the meeting to obtain an informal vote of confidence for beleaguered Finance Minister Yoram Aridor.

My Herut sources relate that Aridor is finding himself more and more in splendid isolation, with many former allies carefully distancing themselves from the once-unassailable finance minister. Insiders say that the most important development is the demise of the long-standing alliance between Aridor and Deputy Premier David Levy, whose cohorts in the Herut Histadrut faction have been the almost vocal party critics of the bill-born tax on checking accounts.

Incidentally, the scuttlebutt at the Kirya in Jerusalem is that Aridor — together with Treasury director-

general Prof. Ezra Sadan and perhaps Bank of Israel deputy governor Dr. Yakir Plesner — has been thinking about introducing a "new shekel," now that the old shekel has got almost as many zeros as the old lira.

DID ANYONE NOTICE that there was no official Israel Defence Forces ceremony marking the first anniversary of the start of Operation Peace for Galilee? Some observers feel that the omission was a wise choice by Arens and the chief-of-staff, Rav Aluf Moshe (and-a-half) Levy, who was heard this week to warn: "Anyone who wants to keep the army intact must keep it out of politics."

Meanwhile, Levy's predecessor as chief-of-staff was anything but restrained. Rav-Aluf (res.) Rafael (Rafael) Eltan told a Kol Yisrael interviewer, in an enraged tone, that it is a "distortion of fact to claim that the war in Lebanon is not yet over."

Despite the fact that Rafal misses no chance to disclaim political ambitions, he is said to have had numerous discussions with former Begin adviser Shmuel Katz, who quit his post and Herut, because of Camp David. Political speculators outline two alternatives for the Katz-Rafal entente: either to wait for Tehiya to collapse in order to form a new right-wing party, or to join Gideon Cohen when she re-enters the Likud.

WHILE IN NEW YORK, I learned that Ambassador to the UN Yehuda Blum has a permanent bodyguard, something never assigned to his predecessor, now-President Chaim Herzog. According to my sources, Blum successfully overcame Shin Bet and Foreign Ministry opposition to the appointment of a security man by going straight to Begin.

The extra member of the staff costs the Israeli taxpayer money; it also represents an added expense for U.S. Jewish organizations which invite Blum to speak at their week-end functions. I have learned that Irving Bernstein, the United Jewish Appeal's executive vice-president, recently wrote to Jerusalem protesting the fact that Blum always

insists on two suites — one for his family, and another for his bodyguard.

LABOUR PARTY politicians are said to be unhappy about chairman Shimon Peres's plan to establish an apparatus outside the party machine, which would be loyal to him personally. To many, it sounds like a re-run of "Aleph, Citizens for Peres," which helped him win the party leadership — but not the premiership — back in 1980-81. One of the key men in the group, which we'd like to dub "aleph-bet," is said to be former WZO information chief El Eyal.

ONLY TWO ISRAELIS were in attendance at Dr. Henry Kissinger's recent 60th birthday party, held at New York's plush Pierre Hotel. Former Israeli ambassadors Simcha Dinitz and Ephraim (Eppy) Evrona attended the gala affair, as part of a star-studded crowd which included Secretary of State George Shultz, ex-President Gerald Ford, former first lady Bird Johnson, West Germany's ex-chancellor Helmut Schmidt, Farah Diba, the wife of the late Shah of Iran, and Mrs. Jehan Sadat. Host for the event, which is said to have cost a tidy \$75,000, was Harvard University lecturer Dr. Guido Goldmann, the 45-year-old son of the late Dr. Nahum Goldmann.

FORMER MOSSAD chief Yitzhak Hoff may not be the tight of the Prime Minister's Office after his remarks about Begin needing an intelligence adviser. But he is said to have electrified the Israel Electric Corporation, where he recently took over as managing-director.

Last week, a worker dismantling a high-tension cable on an 18-metre pylon near the Hadera power station found that he had a visitor up there. It was Hoff, who had donned a safety belt and a hard hat to get a close-up (emphasizing the up) view of work procedures. Work came to a standstill as the crew watched their new boss demonstrate he still remembers a thing or two from his days as a paratroop brigade commander.

LABOUR RELATIONS. The Histadrut hasn't been the same since Rachel Meshel, wife of secretary-general Yeroham Meshel, went public with the reasons she left her pensioner's job as a cashier at Humshebir Lazarhan's Dizengoff Centre department store. Mrs. Meshel said she left the employ of the Histadrut concern "because they exploit pensioners on their stuff. They mistreat them. I didn't want to bother my husband," said Mrs. Meshel. "He's got plenty of problems of his own. And I didn't want to use *protektzia*. But it is terrible how they underpay widows and divorcees supporting children."

Hamashbir chief Shmuel Eyal so far has not commented on the harsh charges made by the wife of his official boss.

IN THE U.S. CAPITAL, I heard rumours that Ambassador Samuel Lewis will be leaving Israel, in about 12 months, after completing seven years at the embassy on Rehov Hayarkon. I have not been able to confirm the story, catching only a glimpse of Lewis at the Italian National Day party this week. The envoy is still not reachable, having flown off to Washington for consultations.

The host at the affair was new Italian Ambassador Corrado Tallant, who came here from a senior post at the Foreign Ministry in Rome. Among those in attendance was Sven Hirdman, the new Swedish ambassador and former under-secretary of defence.

LET-DOWN DEPT. Thirty pieces from the late Moshe Dayan's archeology collection were auctioned off at a recent Friends of the Israel Museum gala in New York. Co-chairmen of the \$1,000-per-couple dinner-dance were Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, Felix Robntyn, the New York banker who heads the museum's international council, and Edgar Brofman, who was identified in the press release as Seagram's chairman.

It may be recalled that not long ago, the Israel Museum proudly announced that the Dayan collection had been acquired, "for a seven-figure sum," with the help of several anonymous patrons. The identity of the main donors has now been disclosed: they are Loew's Corp. chairman Lawrence Tisch and his wife Billie.

The 30 items sold in New York were bulleted as "ancient treasures from the priceless Dayan collection." I got a different description in Jerusalem from the Israel Museum's Meir Meir, who described them as "surplus artefacts."

The American Friends did not give due credit to the other two men who helped the Museum pay Mrs. Rachel Dayan for the collection — Leon Fischman of Paris and Dr. Reuven Hecht of the Dagon Silos in Haifa. Contacted by phone, Dr. Hecht confirmed Meir's description of the pieces as "surplus." Hecht said that the items put on sale had been chosen by antiquities expert Prof. Ya'acov Meshorer, and assured me that the loss would not affect the integrity of the collection.

SIBLING RIVALRY DEPT. There were several familiar names on the list of speakers at a Washington rally this week, to protest against the war in Lebanon and the Six Day War, which have a common anniversary. About 75 demonstrators — protesting against West Bank settlements and demanding recognition of the PLO — heard four speakers. They were maverick journalist I.F. Stone; Ellen Segal, a nurse at Guza Hospital in the Beirut refugee camps, who it may be recalled testified at the Kahan Commission hearings; Dr. Nahat Khelli, professor of physics at George Washington University and chairperson of the Arab Women's Council in the U.S.; and Prof. Richard Arens of the University of Bridgeport, left-leaning brother of Israel's defence minister.

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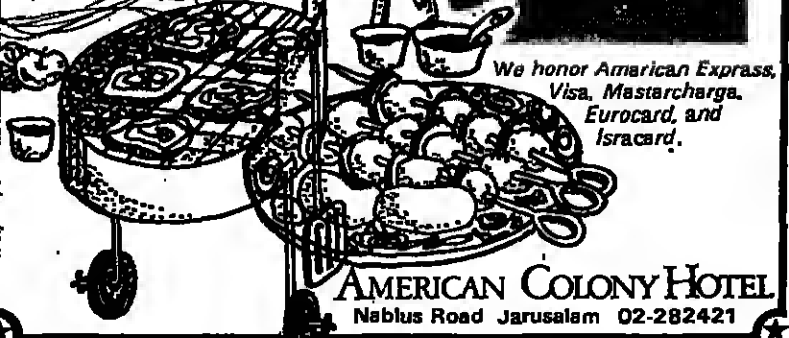
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Chicken Cacciatore
Spaghetti with Garlic Sauce
Italian Bread
Sweet Pepper Salad
Apple Sauce Cake

Egg Salad
The creamy consistency of the eggs makes this egg salad different.
12 large eggs
2 1/2 cups green onions, finely diced (including green part)
1 tsp. salt, or to taste
1/2 tsp. each: fresh white pepper, garlic granules
1/2 cup mayonnaise
lettuce leaves, to garnish
Hard-boiled eggs for 20 minutes. Peel under cold running water. Finely grind eggs in a meat grinder, food processor or Mouli grater. Place in a medium-size mixing bowl, add rest of ingredients and combine well.

Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour. Taste and correct seasoning. Serve mounded on lettuce leaves, with assorted crackers.
Pea Soup
225 gr. leeks, white and green, thinly sliced
300 gr. lettuce, shredded
2 garlic cloves, minced
75 gr. margarine
12 cups hot chicken broth
800 gr. shelled peas, fresh or frozen
2 tbs. lemon juice
1 tsp. each: salt, thyme
1/2 tsp. fresh white pepper
1/2 cup ground bay leaf

In a 4-litre pot, sauté leeks, lettuce and garlic in margarine until well softened. Add 5 cups hot chicken broth and simmer the mixture for 10 minutes.

Purée entire mixture in a blender or food processor and return it to the pot. Add rest of ingredients, bring to a simmer and simmer, covered, for 20 minutes while stirring occasionally.

Chicken Cacciatore
A tasty way with chicken. This dish can be prepared ahead of time.
32 chicken parts (legs, thighs, breasts)
or 3 or 4 cut-up chickens, (about 4 kilos)

salt, pepper, for sprinkling
1 cup flour (approx.)
1 cup olive oil
650 gr. onions, sliced in thick slices
500 gr. green peppers, seeded, sliced thickly lengthwise
3 large garlic cloves, thinly sliced
1 1/2 kilos tomatoes, peeled and minced, fresh or canned
1 cup tomato purée
1 tbs. each: salt, oregano, sweet basil

1/2 tsp. fresh black pepper
225 gr. fresh mushrooms, sliced if large, whole if small
2 tbs. fresh parsley leaves, chopped
Sprinkle chicken pieces with salt and pepper. In a paper bag, dredge chicken in flour, shaking off excess. In a Dutch oven, fry chicken in olive oil, in batches, until well-browned. Transfer chicken pieces as they are browned to a large (5 1/2-litre) casserole or pot, suitable for serving. (This takes a while.)

When chicken is fried, pour off, strain, and reserve the oil for another use. Scrape the solids from the bottom of the pot and discard. Return 3 tbs. oil to the pot.

Sauté onions, peppers, and garlic until they are well softened. Add tomatoes, tomato purée, salt,

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oregano, basil, pepper, mushrooms and parsley. Bring to a boil and simmer the mixture for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Taste and correct seasoning. Pour this mixture over the chicken in the casserole or pot. This part can be prepared ahead.

Bake the casserole in a preheated 177° C. (350° F.) oven for 1 1/2 hours, stirring occasionally. The chicken can be kept warm in a slow oven for a half-hour or so.

Spaghetti with Garlic Sauce
Serves 12 as a side dish.
800 gr. thin spaghetti or fettuccini
1/2 cup olive oil

110 gr. margarine, melted
1/2 cup garlic, minced
1/2 cup parsley leaves, minced

In an 8-litre kettle, cook pasta in boiling salted water until *al dente* — about 9 minutes. Drain well.

While pasta is cooking, in a small sauce pan, place oil, margarine and garlic. Over very low heat, cook gently for 5 minutes. Add parsley and heat for another 2 minutes.

Place the drained pasta for a large covered serving bowl. Pour the sauce over the pasta and toss well.

Italian Bread
This bread is delicious hot and crusty, straight from the oven. It is

inexpensive and relatively easy to make. Bake ahead of time and reheat. (Makes two loaves)

1 package dry yeast
1 tsp. sugar
1/2 cup lukewarm water
1 1/2 cups lukewarm water
1 tbs. salt
4 cups flour, approx.

1 egg white mixed with 1 tsp. water
cornmeal
In a medium-size bowl, put yeast mixed with sugar and 1/2 cup water and set in a warm place for 10 minutes. (An oven with a pilot light is a super place for this.)

In a large mixing bowl, place 1 1/2

cup water and salt. Add yeast mixture and gradually add flour, mixing well after each addition until a heavy, sticky dough is formed. (A dough hook is useful for this step.)

Turn the dough out onto a well-floured surface and knead for 10 minutes, adding more flour as necessary until the dough is smooth elastic and no longer sticky.

Place the dough in a large, clean bowl, cover with a clean towel, and let it rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

Punch down dough and turn out onto a floured surface. Knead the dough, adding a bit of flour, if necessary, until no longer sticky. Divide the dough in half.

With a rolling pin, roll each half into a rectangle about 20 x 30 cm. long. Make a slight point at the ends of loaves and place them on a greased and corn meal-sprinkled cookie sheet, "seam" side down.

Cover the loaves with a towel and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 hour. Lightly slash each loaf with a razor blade, diagonally, 3 or 4 times. Brush the loaves well with the egg-white wash. Place a pan of boiling water on the bottom of the oven.

Bake in a preheated 205° C. (400° F.) oven for 45 minutes to 1 hour, until golden brown. Serve immediately or cool on a rack.

If you want to reheat the bread, place loaves in a paper bag and sprinkle the bag — all over — with water. Place in a preheated 177° C. (350° F.) oven for 10 minutes.

Sweet Pepper Salad
800 gr. sweet red and/or green peppers
4 tbs. olive oil
2 tbs. lemon juice
3 large garlic cloves, minced
salt, fresh black pepper, to taste

Place the peppers on a large sheet of foil under a preheated broiler.

Broil, turning the peppers frequently, until skin is blistered and charred. Immediately place them in a paper bag, close it up, and let them steam until they are cool enough to handle.

Remove the skin, seeds and membranes. Slice the peppers thinly, lengthwise and place them in a bowl. Combine rest of ingredients, pour over the peppers, and mix well. Let marinate for 4 hours, in refrigerator, turning occasionally.

Apple Sauce Cake

(Makes 2 loaves)

150 gr. unsalted margarine, softened
1 1/2 cups brown sugar, tightly packed
3 eggs 2 1/2 cups flour, sift before measuring

3 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1 1/2 cup homemade applesauce or canned applesauce

2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp. each: ground nutmeg, ground allspice

In a large mixing bowl, cream margarine until fluffy. Add sugar and continue creaming until light. Add eggs, one at a time, beating constantly. Add dry ingredients alternately with applesauce, beating constantly, until well combined. Pour the batter into 2 well-greased and floured 20 x 10 cm. loaf pans.

Bake in a preheated 177° C. (350° F.) oven for 50 minutes. Cool the cakes in the pans on a rack for 20 minutes. Turn out and fluff cooling on the rack.

Dust the tops of the cakes with powdered sugar. Slice and arrange overlapping slices on a plate.

Note: Homemade applesauce makes a heavier, more solid cake, but very moist and delicious. Store in fridge until eaten. The cake freezes well, wrapped in foil. Unwrap to thaw.

Building to a climax

Esther Hecht talks to two therapists running groups for women in sexual distress.

orgasmic women together with their partners, according to the basic Masters and Johnson technique. She realized, however, that the treatment was too expensive for many women, and that it was available only to women who had steady sexual partners and whose partners were willing to attend counselling.

So Barbach developed a new kind of group treatment programme, for women only, using a combination of therapeutic techniques. Perhaps the most astounding thing about the treatment described in Barbach's book *For Yourself: The Fulfillment of Female Sexuality* (Signet Books, 1975), was its phenomenal success rate — close to 100 per cent.

Barbach's method was brought to Israel by Judith Shotten who, after working for many years as a therapist, found that she had no means for helping women with sexual disorders. In 1976 she went to California where she took a six-month training course in Barbach's method.

Since then, Shotten has conducted several groups for women in Israel, most of them under the auspices of the Psychological Services of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and has begun to offer groups for women outside the university. In the last such group, Wernik acted as co-therapist.

Each group consists of five to seven women who attend once, weekly two-hour sessions and one "mini-marathon." The participants make a commitment at the outset to attend each session (the most recent

group had 100 per cent attendance), do the exercises set as "homework," and report on their experiences at every session.

The group is for all women, whether married, divorced, widowed or single. If there is a sexual partner, it is important that the partner be supportive.

"There have been cases of partners sabotaging the group's work," says Shotten. "There have been husbands who felt jealous, isolated, inadequate while the woman was in treatment, and a partner who would 'accidentally' walk into the room where the woman was trying to focus on her exercises in private."

Shotten offers to counsel the couple while the woman is participating in the group, or even before the group begins.

Homework for participants consists of exercises for the mind and the body. One of the early exercises is reviewing one's sexual history — onset of menstruation, sex education, first sexual experiences — with a friend, one's partner, or by oneself.

Another exercise requires the woman to say "no" to three things she doesn't want to do (even though she feels she should do them), and "yes" to three things she really wants to do but would not ordinarily allow herself.

"The group has to overcome not only myths about sexuality, but also the way that women have been taught to see themselves," explains Wernik. "We were taught by our mothers that it is better to give than

to receive, that a woman's sexual role is to give pleasure to a man without demanding pleasure for herself. Putting everyone else first is often coupled with low self-esteem."

One group participant admits, "I always put everyone else first. When I came to the group, for the first time in my life someone was saying to me, 'Take time for yourself.' What a relief it was to hear that."

Another member is 40, married, and the mother of one child. Caught in an unsatisfactory marriage, she was depressed and had very low self-esteem. Her attitude was, "I am so unworthy that I deserve nothing for myself." Coming to the group was her first step in breaking out of the old pattern of hopelessness.

As the group participants are encouraged to assert themselves for themselves, the exercises focus on getting to know one's body — every part of it — by examining it carefully in a mirror, and tactilely. Many women have never looked at their sexual organs, much less touched them.

"The purpose of the touching," says Shotten, "is to discover what feels good, which area is most sensitive or most easily aroused. Each woman is different in this respect and must find out for herself what works best."

"Precisely because each woman's response is unique, it is unreasonable for a woman to expect her partner to know in advance what will give her pleasure; it puts

an unfair burden on him. Only when a woman finds out herself what is stimulating and pleasurable for her can she communicate this to her partner."

Becoming orgasmic means learning new ways of responding. "It does not happen by magic, but by practice," says Shotten, stressing the importance of the exercises, which are not done at the group sessions, but at home privately, several times a week for an hour or so.

"Women who are motivated enough to join the group find the time to do the exercises no matter how busy they are," she adds.

The group participants are encouraged to avail themselves of all their sensual and mental resources. "It's not just a matter of getting permission for giving pleasure to all the senses — by listening to music one likes or lighting incense while doing the exercises — but also of opening up one's imaginary life, allowing oneself to have fantasies, and connecting them to one's sexual life," Shotten explains.

Some women in the group find that reading pornographic stories or looking at pornographic pictures (as in *Playboy* magazine) helps them to become aroused. There are even published collections of sexual fantasies reported by women, such as *My Secret Garden*, by Nancy Friday.

It is ironic, perhaps, that although feminists object to pornography on the grounds that it perpetuates male myths about female sexuality and that it exploits women, such materials are useful in a group aimed at liberating women from sexual dysfunction.

Why does looking at erotic photographs of women arouse group participants?

"Perhaps it is because they identify with the lack of inhibitions of the women who allow themselves to be photographed in many different poses and types of dress," Wernik

suggests. Teaching women to "let go" is an important part of the group's work.

"Sometimes sexual dysfunction is not the result of myths," explains Shotten. "Some women are perfectionists, have high demands of themselves and fear losing control or letting go. Having an orgasm involves just that: letting go. So the group teaches relaxation and meditation."

By the end of the sessions, virtually all the group members have achieved orgasm through self-stimulation, and have come to see themselves as entitled to receive pleasure. With their newly gained self-confidence and self-knowledge, they can look forward to a richer sexual life with their partner.

For married women this may be a vital step towards fulfilling the halachic commandment of "marital joy."

As encouraging as the high success rate of this form of treatment is the idea that it is never too late to learn. Women in Shotten's groups have ranged in age from 19 to 43; Barbach's oldest group participant was 58, and she relates her attempts to relieve the sexual distress of a grandmother of 87.

Shotten has conducted groups in English and in Hebrew. The cost in the most recent group was \$5400 per session.

Women who are interested in more information can write to Shotten and Wernik (c/o "Women's Group," POB 8014, Jerusalem). Include your telephone number and one of the therapists will call you.

Correction

Last Wednesday's Today page article about Tel Aviv University's course on women in Israeli literature was co-authored by Job Aalbers and Addie Dreksler.

"Today" is edited by Joanna Yehiel.

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Ori Schwartzman and Ro'i Barnea in front of Prime Minister's residence.

(Dan Landau)

Vigil at Begin's doorstep

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE TWO-STORY house at No. 9 Smolenskin Street is surrounded by a high stone wall. A heavy double gate leading to the sprawling back garden is almost always closed. The front gate is relatively narrow, with a short path and steps leading up to the house. The privacy of the occupants is well protected from prying eyes; but, equally important, the master of the house can gaze out of his windows without being disturbed by unpleasant sights beyond his fence.

To ensure that he is not confronted by any unpleasantness when he steps outside the gate, security and law enforcement authorities have cleared the area around the house, setting up police barricades between it and the Rubin Music Academy on one side and Balfour Street on the other. Frequently barricades are also put up across Balfour Street to prevent access from nearby Gaza Road.

If all these measures were employed purely for the physical safety of Prime Minister Menachem Begin, there would be few if any objections by other residents of the area who are often inconvenienced by the sealing off of streets. But the police, Border Police and Mr. Begin's own bodyguards have taken it upon themselves to protect him psychologically as well as physically.

Protest demonstrations are not permitted directly outside the house or even across the road alongside Terra Sancta. The narrow pavement bordering the latter is cordoned off for media personnel whenever there is a newsworthy meeting at the prime minister's residence. Police are quick to pounce on passers-by, photographers or reporters who linger a moment too long outside the barrier.

NOR ARE THEY very happy about mass gatherings in Balfour Street. Any kind of anti-government demonstration in this area bothers them, irrespective of how orderly and well-controlled it may be. One of the most relentless and thought provoking demonstrations has been going on around the clock for almost two months. Started by two young men who describe themselves as "survivors" of the war in Lebanon, it has attracted 250 people from all over the country, who take turns in groups of two and three to mount an eight-hour watch in what became a silent vigil for the dead.

When Ori Schwartzman and Ro'i Barnea — both released from the army last November — took up their stand outside the prime minister's home on a Tuesday evening in April, all they sought to do was to register a personal protest about Israel's continued presence in Lebanon.

The police did not permit them to remain in Smolenskin Street. They were moved to Balfour Street, where they set up an altar of conscience, so stark and simple that it mesmerizes all who see it — all except the prime minister. The altar consists of a monitoring board recording the Israeli death toll in Lebanon, a memorial candle, and a battle of blood — red flowers. The three digits on the board are large; only someone with very poor

eyesight would find them indistinct. The digit on the right is changed frequently; the one in the center has been changed twice; only the one on the left has thus far remained constant.

The figure at the start of the demonstration was 476. It is now in excess of 490. Pedestrians whose daily route takes them past the altar feel compelled to stop and check the figure, to hope that it has not changed since yesterday or this morning. Motorists have the same compulsion, slowing down or stopping their cars. Some even get out to stand for a moment with bowed heads before the memorial flame.

"The prime minister has not once seen fit to approach us to hear our point of view or to share his with us," Schwartzman told *The Jerusalem Post*. "He is aware of us every time he leaves the house or comes home, and once it seemed that he might speak to us, but when he turned in our direction, he was diverted by a bodyguard."

THOSE WHO keep vigil neither chant slogans nor accost the general public with cries of protest. It is their very silence that disturbs the authorities, so much so that on Shavuot night, police began harassing them and forcing them to disperse whenever anyone stopped to talk to them. Schwartzman was later given to understand by senior police officials "the orders for this had come from outside the police department," but no one was prepared to reveal who had issued them.

In the course of investigating the legitimacy of this harassment, Schwartzman was told that police have the right to break up any assembly of more than three people if it is thought to be causing a public disturbance. According to Schwartzman, this right was employed at whim by any policeman who happened to be on duty. "It was a dangerous misuse of authority."

LET'S FACE it: a million dollars ain't what it used to be, thanks to Israel's botching inflation. After all, when a kilo of tomatoes reaches the IS130-shekel mark anything can happen.

That's why the ears of a "poor slob" friend of ours perked up when his eyes recently skimmed over a classified advertisement in *The Jerusalem Post* and discovered a listing for a house on a quiet street in Rehavia priced at a modest \$1m.

A phone call to the advertiser earned a reasonable reply: "Glad to show you the house, but only if you are serious and ready to buy!" Our friend happens to be serious all right. But he's honest too, and admitted to the advertiser — an agent protesting his client's privacy — that he happened to be short the full million bucks required for the house on the quiet street.

The advertiser's candor only whetted our friend's appetite, and he set out to learn what a million dollars can buy these days in Jerusalem.

THE LOGICAL place to seek an answer was the capital's largest (in turnover value) realty brokerage, Anglo-Saxon Real Estate Agency. Despite its WASPish name, this firm is strictly a Semitic outfit, with some of its promotional literature appearing in Arabic as well as Hebrew.

"Yes, as matter of fact we've got a few million-dollar parcels on our book right now," said Werner Loyal, manager of the office and a director of Anglo-Saxon. "But an astute buyer can do pretty well for himself with cheaper properties too. Take the \$700,000 villa we are showing in North Talpiot. Or consider the \$600,000 unit on Rehov Dubnow."

"Never mind that bargain basement stuff," pleaded our curious friend. "With the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange rebounding I could soon find myself with a million bucks. Wbattachagot?!!!"

"OK, OK," Loyal replied, removing a loose-leaf binder from a shelf. "For \$1,200,000 I can give you a town house in Abu Tor with a view of the Old City. On the other hand, if you are short the two hundred grand at the moment, I could probably sell you a semi-detached house in Yemin Moshe, also overlooking the Old City, for an even million."

Million-dollar search

By AARON SITTNER/Jerusalem Post Reporter



Is this the mystery house? This handsome Rehavia residence could easily qualify for a seven-figure price.

(Karen Ben-Zion)

"Do million-dollar properties move swiftly?" our friend asked Loyal. "No," he admitted readily, "even if they include a swimming pool."

"On the other hand," he pointed out, "items priced between a quarter and a half million dollars are moving pretty well these days. Why, just the other day we sold a double flat at Wolfson Towers, five plus four rooms, for \$500,000 in cash."

In fact, cash sales are the order of the day in Jerusalem quality real estate right now. However, if you are short of up to \$75,000 and are a foreign resident, Anglo-Saxon will try to arrange a mortgage for you up to that amount, with the interest pegged to the current Eurodollar rate.

"Speaking of Wolfson Towers," Loyal continued, "it is very simple indeed to prove that investing in Jerusalem real estate can be very profitable to say the least. Look at what has happened at Wolfson in the past 12 years — here, take a peek at our 1970 price list and at our price list for this week! Aod, incidentally, in an advertisement in *The Jerusalem Post* in 1970, we offered a 5 per cent discount for prompt purchasers."

"In 1970, we sold four-room flats there for \$43,000 to \$47,750. Today, our prices are \$160,000 to \$185,000 for the same unit. In 1970 a five-room apartment at Wolfson sold for about \$53,000. Today I am getting \$255,000 for such a product. Fantastic, isn't it?"

But, Loyal pointed out, the last five-room Wolfson flat — in the newest (fifth) tower, has already been sold. As of last Thursday, only eight flats — all four-roomers — were left, also in Tower Number Five. Meanwhile, an exclusive shopping centre is under construction at the foot of Kiryat Wolfson, to make life more convenient for the 300 or so families there.

For the villa-minded crowd with about a half-a-million dollars burning a hole in their pockets, Loyal has some tempting merchandise in Motza and the Shmaryahu Levin and Givat Hamivtar neighbourhoods.

Then there are people with a penchant for penthouses. For only \$500,000 you can have one for keeps in a high-rise not far from the Jerusalem Theatre.

OCCASIONALLY, POLITICS overpowers economics, and money is not money. This occurred recently when ex-President Yitzhak Navon was offered, (he is legally entitled to one) a state-owned luxury flat at Kikar Wingate. But Navon turned down the offer when he learned that renovations would cost IS3m.

Thereupon, the Treasury's property office issued a public sales tender for the flat (formerly occupied by the late Supreme Court President Yoel Sussman), with a minimum bid price of IS11m, plus VAT. Interestingly enough, Anglo-Saxon — with 26 offices throughout Israel — produced a buyer to make a bid. But it was too late: Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor saw the flat, and informed the Treasury that he liked it. The Speaker gets the keys.

"I'm happy about the agreement with Lebanon," Loyal says. "It's good for business. In fact, when tourism slumped right after Operation Peace for Galilee began, we had a slump also. Now things are picking up again."

"In the past seven weeks we sold seven luxury apartments in Wolfson Towers. Recently, a European gentleman flew into Atarot Airport in the morning, bought a home from us before lunch, and flew back home to Europe in time for dinner."

"It really was quite simple, after a few international phone calls. After the plane landed we arranged for a sightseeing tour of the city for the crew. Then we took the buyer, his wife, their interior decorator and their lawyer for lunch at the King David Hotel. We ate and worked fast, and the hotel was kind enough to provide us with a telephone at our table. That was for the lawyer — to call the bank in Europe and give the necessary instructions to the buyer's bank. Whew! Things moved so fast that by the time we finished our dessert the entire transaction had practically been completed."

Not far from the hotel, the new King David Garden Apartments are about ready for occupancy, and, as expected, Anglo-Saxon with its large international clientele has been named a sales agent. Price? a mere \$2,000 per month rent for a five-room job with a private swimming pool.

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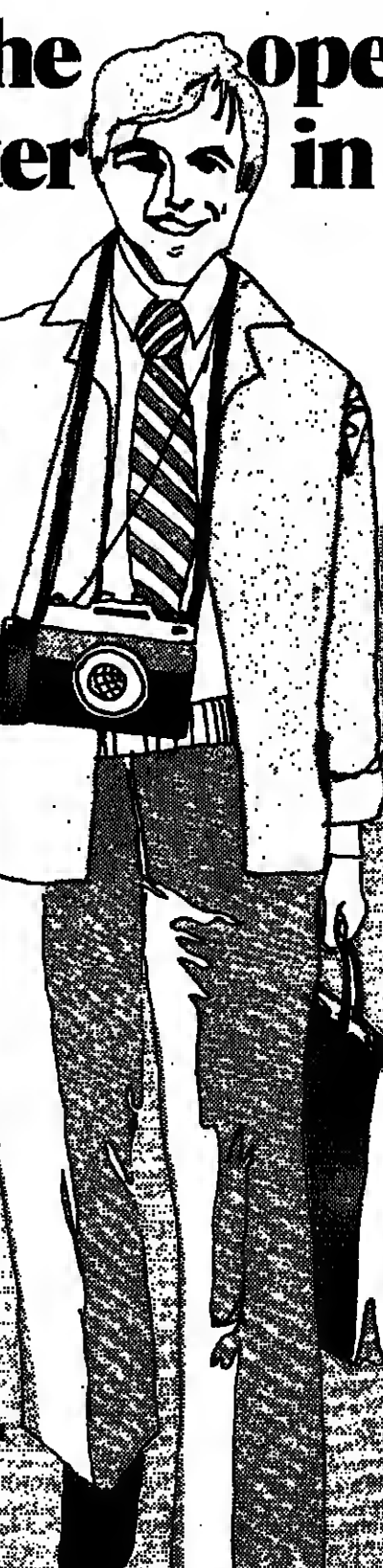
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Capital Calendar

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1.00 p.m. — Israel Alpine Club meets, Hinnom Valley, opposite Mt. Zion.
1.30 p.m. — Overeaters Anonymous, Independence Park, near Plaza Hotel.
1.30 p.m. — Jazz Bus, Pargod.
2.00 p.m. — Israel Trail Blazers, running club, Sacher Park. For details, Gabe Shamir 669-494.
2.30 p.m. — French Film, Jerusalem Theatre.
2.30 p.m. — French Film, Cinematheque.
9.00 p.m. — Dance, Dan's Singles Club, 56 Sderot Herzl.
9.30 p.m. — "The Best of Shalom Aleichem," musical show, Jerusalem Hilton.

SATURDAY, June 11

11.00 a.m. — Interview "magazine," Jerusalem Theatre.
11.00 a.m. — Piano and violin recital, Tzavta, 38 King George.
8.00 p.m. — Choral Concert, Dormition Abbey, Mount Zion.
8.30 p.m. — Piano Recital, Rudolf Buchbinder, Jerusalem Theatre.
8.30 p.m. — All Nations Dance Company, Gerard Behar Centre (Beit Ha'am).
8.30 p.m. — "Gimpel the Fool," Behar Centre.
9.00 p.m. — Handel Sonatas, Tzavta, 38 King George.
9.00 p.m. — Dance, Dan's Singles Club, 56 Sderot Herzl.
9.00 p.m. — "Apples of Gold," documentary film, Laromne Hotel.
9.30 p.m. — "Bruria," in English, Pargod.
9.30 p.m. — "Best of Shalom Aleichem," Jerusalem Hilton.

SUNDAY, June 12

3.00 — 7.00 p.m. — Open House, YMCA, King David Street.
3.45 p.m. — Basic Life Motif in Jewish Tradition, lecture discussion with Dr. Yehoshua Fogelman, Israel Centre, 10 Rehov Strauss.
4.30 p.m. — "Days of Binyamina," Ehud Manor introduces his songs, Behar Centre.
6.30 p.m. — Conversation group to easy Hebrew, Moadon Haoleh, 9 Rehov Alkalai.
7.00 p.m. — Folk Dancing, Moadon Haoleh.
7.30 p.m. — Symposium on protected sites in Jerusalem, YMCA.
7.45 p.m. — Jewish Choral Music, Zamar Choral, Centre for Conservative Judaism, 2 Rehov Agnon.
8.00 p.m. — Folk Dancing, Philip Lown Community Centre, 8 Rehov Chilo 414-896.
8.30 p.m. — The Israel Sinfonietta, with Jean-Pierre Rampal, Jerusalem Theatre.
8.30 p.m. — Zamar Choir, Israel Museum.
8.30 p.m. — Piano-violin duo, American Colony Hotel.
9.00 p.m. — "Apples of Gold," King David Hotel.

MONDAY, June 13

3.00 p.m. — Overeaters Anonymous, Sabra Room, Plaza Hotel.
3.30 p.m. — Bingo, AACI Seniors, Moadon Haoleh.
4.00 p.m. — Emotions Anonymous, Details 417040.
4.30 and 9.00 p.m. — Music and dance, Diaspora Yeshiva, Mt. Zion.
5.00 p.m. — Bridge for French speakers, Beit WIZO, 1 Rehov Mapu.
6.30 p.m. — Yoga, Philip Lown Community Centre.
6.30 p.m. — Aerobic dancing, Moadon Haoleh.
6.30 p.m. — Messianism and the Kabbalah, Hebrew lecture series with Martel Garvin, Hillel House, Mt. Scopus, Room 406.
7.00 p.m. — Rotary, King David Hotel, Details, Tel. 636-321.
7.30 p.m. — Debate, Religion and State, with Prof. Yeshayahu Leibowitz and Rabbi Zvi Weisman, Hillel House, Mt. Scopus.
8.00 p.m. — Discussion, "A Day in the Yishuv," Sponsored by Jerusalem Labour Council, Yaron London, compere, Behar Centre.
8.00 p.m. — Lecture/discussion, with Dr. Yehoshua Fogelman, Israel Centre, 10 Rehov Strauss.
8.00 p.m. — Hebrew University Forum, Avraham Infeld, speaker, Centre for Conservative Judaism, 2 Rehov Agnon.
12.15 p.m. — Recent developments in Russian Studies in the U.S., Discussion in English, led by Prof. Ralph T. Fisher, Social Science Faculty, Mount Scopus, Room 3105.
4.00 p.m. — Children's Festival, with Tzipi Shavit, Behar Centre.
5.00 p.m. — Russian speakers meeting, with author Antonov Steinbok, Beit WIZO, 1 Rehov Mapu.
6.00 p.m. — AACI reception for U.S. consular and consular staff, Details 636 932.
6.30 p.m. — Yoga, Moadon Haoleh.
7.00 p.m. — Course in Computers, Moadon Haoleh.
7.00 p.m. — Classes in Arabic, Philip Lown Community Centre.

TUESDAY, June 14

4.00 p.m. — Children's Festival, with Tzipi Shavit, Behar Centre.
5.00 p.m. — Russian speakers meeting, with author Antonov Steinbok, Beit WIZO, 1 Rehov Mapu.
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7.30 p.m. — Study group on the Holocaust, (Hebrew) Led by Arye Barnea, Hillel House, Mt. Scopus.
7.30 p.m. — Scrabble Club, Windmill Hotel.
8.00 p.m. — Jewish prayer, Discussion, with Rabbi Naftali Levin, Israel Centre, 10 Rehov Strauss.
8.00 p.m. — Sabbath observance for women, Course, Israel Centre.
8.00 p.m. — Sharon Players, "Parcels" and "Between Mouthfuls," Etnah College, 104 Derech Bethlehem.
8.30 p.m. — Jazz Concert, Behar Centre.
8.30 p.m. — Peter, Paul & Mary, Sultan's Pool.
8.30 p.m. — Alonon (Families of Alcoholics), Alcoholics Rehabilitation Centre, 24 Rehov Hapalmach.
8.30 p.m. — Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Jerusalem Theatre.
8.30 p.m. — Pianist Liz Magnes, American Colony Hotel.
9.00 p.m. — Round-table discussion, Ona's Singles Club, 56 Herzl Boulevard.
9.00 p.m. — Danny Sandersoo, Behar Centre.

WEDNESDAY, June 15

9.00 a.m. — Day-long seminar, in memory of Aluf Yosef Lurie, "The Administered Territories in their 17th Year: Policy, Trends, Implications," (Hebrew), Truman Building, Mount Scopus.
10.00 a.m. — Senior Citizens Get-Together, ICCV, 12 Rehov Emeck Refaim, Details — Ruth Turell 669-702, AACI 636-932.
11.00 a.m. — AACI Seniors, Lecture on gardening by Mina Givon.
1.00 p.m. — Rotary Club, YMCA, King David Street.
3.15 p.m. — Etnah Symposium, Beit Hahava, 26 Sderot Ben Maimon.
4.00 p.m. — 613 Mizvot, Course in Judaism by Phil Chernofsky, Israel Centre, 10 Rehov Strauss.
4.30 p.m. — "The Eichmann Trial: A View After Twenty Years," Gideon Hausner (Hebrew), Hillel House, Mount Scopus.
4.30 p.m. — A Night To Honour Israel, Choir and orchestra from Castle Hills Church, San Antonio, Texas, Jerusalem Theatre (tickets free at the theatre).
4.30 p.m. & 9.00 p.m. — Hassidic Music and Dance, Diaspora Yeshiva, Mount Zion.
6.00 p.m. — "In the Light of Genocide: Jews and Armenians," Van Leer Foundation.
7.00 p.m. — Farsi (Iranian) film, Beit WIZO, 1 Rehov Mapu.
7.15 p.m. — Overeaters Anonymous, YMHA, Rehov Herzog.
8.00 p.m. — 50 Gates of Understanding — Insights into Hasidism and Kabbala by Rabbi Yehoshua Ginzberg, Israel Centre.
8.15 p.m. — Duplicate Bridge, Diplomat Hotel.
8.30 p.m. — The State of Israel: Handwork of the Divine? Lecture series for young women, Israel Centre.
8.30 p.m. — Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Jerusalem Theatre.
8.30 p.m. — Religious and Non-Religious People Living Together, Hebrew Panel Discussion, Tzavta, 38 King George Street.
9.30 p.m. — Jazz, Pargod.

THURSDAY, June 16

7.00 p.m. — Studies in Portion of the Week, Centre for Conservative Judaism, 2 Rehov Agnon.
8.00 p.m. — Jazz, Classical and Flamenco Guitar, Haim Burla, Zorba the Buddha, 9 Rehov Yod Salomon.
8.00 p.m. — Short-story reading, Women's Voice, 4 Rehov Hahadass.
8.00 p.m. — Jewish Philosophy, Lecture series with Prof. Simon Greenberg, Centre for Conservative Judaism, 2 Rehov Agnon.
8.00 p.m. — Freemasons, 13 Rehov Ezra Israel — details Mr. Gassner 225-525, 631-738.
8.15 p.m. — Jewish Philosophy, Rabbi Horowitz, Dvar Yerushalayim Yeshiva, Rehov Hayehova Street, Geula.
8.30 p.m. — Live Jazz and Blues, Noah's Ark, 44 Rehov Emeck Refaim.
8.30 p.m. — Folk Dancing Classes, Louise Waterman Yesh Youth Hostel, Bayit Vegan, 423-366.
8.30 p.m. — Dance Free, Improvisations to music, Tel-Or, 1 Rehov Hahadass.
8.30 p.m. — "Gimpel the Fool," Behar Centre.
8.30 p.m. — Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Jerusalem Theatre.
8.30 p.m. — Alcoholics Anonymous, Alcoholics Rehabilitation Centre, 24 Rehov Hapalmach.
9.00 p.m. — Pikes Aviv Plus with Phil Chernofsky, Israel Centre, 10 Rehov Strauss.
9.00 p.m. — Judaism and Israel, Question-and-answer Series, Israel Centre.
9.00 p.m. — Fred Weigal Jazz Trio, American Colony Hotel.
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FOR SOME people in Jerusalem, Friday is not Friday without at least 10 minutes spent on Rehov Ben-Yehuda. Otherwise known as the midrahov, a Hebrew compound of "sidewalk" and "street."

Long before the white-paved mall was a gleam in any architect's eye, it was like that. From the days of the Mandate, during the time the Knesset was just up the street, and for many years after the narrow street, that begins at King George and ends at Kikar Zion, was something small, hut special.

It can't be compared with Tel Aviv's Dizengoff, even today when outdoor cafes have begun to sprawl onto the street and buskers in a time warp from the '60s play their music.

Dizengoff, after all, runs for more than two kilometres of fashion parading and cafe sitting, elegant clothing stores and steak joints, while Ben-Yehuda can at best boast of some of the serenity that is to be found in all the city's stone walls.

Many of the shopkeepers were at first vehemently opposed to the construction of the mall. Cafe owners were upset that it was not terraced, and too many sweating heirs on a table at the Alno suddenly began to slide off the table because of the tilt of the ground.

Some of the more elegant shops — if anything on Ben-Yehuda can truly be called elegant — were worried that the mall would attract what are euphemistically called "elements." For some merchants, the elements were kids from the slums, for others it was those overgrown kids from the '60s.

The taxi drivers, of course, held up the entire project for years, saying that they had absolutely nowhere else to go. But the city found them a place, and now they are one block off Ben-Yehuda, on Rehov Hillel, and don't seem the worse for that.

Sidewalk-street

By ROBERT ROSENBERG/Jerusalem Post Reporter

One of the street's two tobaccoists was profoundly disturbed by the mall's construction, and on the day of its formal opening hung an obituary notice for the street on his door. He's still not pleased, but he has his regular customers, and they are as loyal as the sunsets that light up the street for a short time each evening, with all the colours Jerusalem stone reflects.

It WAS, admittedly, a hassle while it was being built. The paving stones and trucks and open ditches; the wooden planks across muddy streams that pedestrians had to negotiate in winter; in short, the whole *halagan* sometimes made the whole project insufferable.

But that's all over and done with. The city has sand-blasted clean buildings that had long since turned a grimy grey from the fumes of the traffic now forbidden — except for odd delivery hours — on the street. There are hopes of more outdoor cafes, of an upgrading of the kinds of shops permitted to open on the street. There are plans for more of the outdoor festivals that for the last two Purims have been held in the mall.

AND THERE ARE the buskers. There aren't as many in Jerusalem as one finds in New York, or Harvard Square in Cambridge, Mass., or on Telegraph Avenue or Sproul Plaza in Berkeley, Cal. But the dozen or so regular musicians who play their music — folk, rock and classical — on the mall have brought some

colour and some funky class to the street.

The city — that is, City Hall — likes the buskers. At least, so say officials on the high floors of the building. Low-level inspectors have been slow to get the word, and only in the last weeks have street musicians been relatively free of harassment.

Curiously, points out one busker, who plays Bob Dylan and Beatles music and calls himself Charlie, the inspectors only bothered sabra buskers. "They don't want to mess around with tourists," he says.

On a good day — Friday, of course — he can make about IS500 in about three hours. That's all he needs, he says.

"And it's not begging," according to one of his fans. "He gives me something. It may be a little intangible. But his singing does give me something. So I give him something."

Most of the merchants, admits City Hall, aren't very happy with the buskers. But the guitar-playing, self-described hippies obviously take care to avoid alienating shopkeepers. They play outside closed shops, or at intersections where the crowd that gathers doesn't obstruct the entry to stores.

And what's a pedestrian mall for, if not to just hang around listening to an aspiring musician?

The buskers often play for the patrons of outdoor cafes, which are flourishing on Ben-Yehuda. Even the venerable Atara, famed for its clientele of yekkes from Rehavia, intellectuals from the university, and politicians and journalists, has this year put tables and chairs outside.

Also was the first to do it, and paid dearly when the bicycle bomb of 1981 exploded in a particularly destructive manner. But the next

Jerusalem seeks to bar 'invasion' of offices

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE SPREAD of offices into Jerusalem's residential quarters will be stopped, and eventually reversed, under an amendment to the Jerusalem Outline Plan approved this week by the Local Planning Subcommittee.

A recent municipal survey identified 1,300 offices in residential areas and municipal spokesman Rafi Davara said there may be more. "We don't want Jerusalem to become like Tel Aviv, which has 12,000 offices in residential areas and is finding it very difficult getting rid of them."

Municipal planners say that the introduction of more than one office makes a residential building lose its character. The phenomenon also affects apartment prices and increases parking problems.

Under the amendment, which has yet to be approved by the full Local Committee and the District Planning Committee, offices will be confined either to the downtown area or to the commercial centres of the new neighbourhoods. It would be forbidden to permit waivers to existing zoning regulations, as are presently issued.

With final approval of the amendment, there would be an immediate ban on further offices in residential areas. Within three or four years after that, all existing offices would have to be vacated except for those — about half the total — which are part apartment and part office.

Planners expect the move to encourage developers to build more offices downtown.

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Prices show improvement

TEL AVIV. — The three days of profit-taking, which was a test of the market's ability to maintain its recent gains, was yesterday replaced by a session of generally advancing prices. The market's turnaround was accompanied by a considerably improved investment atmosphere. Security advisers were suggesting that Sunday could well see a return to the prosperous conditions of a week ago.

All sectors of trading moved higher, with the exception of insurance and oil company issues. The General Share Index, not including banks, advanced by 0.44%. Fifty-three securities advanced by more than 5% and another five were "buyers only." On the losing side 37 shares were down by more than 5%. Seven others were posted as "sellers only."

Turnovers continued to decline and totalled 156,664 million. One of the reasons for the relatively low trading figures was the fact that the IDB and IDF Development shares

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did not trade. IDB announced that it was offering holders of Canadian shares a swap of their shares for IDB shares.

There was a pleasant surprise in the commercial bank group. Both the 0.1 and 0.5 Maritime Bank shares had been "sellers only" for two days. Yesterday expectations were that their price would fall precipitously. However, when trading opened there appeared demand, on balance for the 0.1 issue. The price responded and rose by 2.8%. The 0.5 shares, however, were clipped for a loss of 6.2%. Holders of the shares breathed a sigh of relief in view of the past performance. It will be recalled that at the end of January in the wake of two days of "sellers only" the same shares plummeted by more than

40%. Early in May the same scenario was enacted with similar results.

Mortgage bank shares acted well, with Binyan leading the way with a 10% rise.

Land development and real estate issues enjoyed a positive session, with prices generally higher by moderate margins. Lumin 1.0 was on the "buyers only" list, while the 5.0 issue tacked on 9%. The Bayside option climbed by nearly 14%.

Industrials also enjoyed demand and prices rose accordingly. Alaska-Sportlife 5.0 gained 10.1% but Akerstein 5.0 was a 9.9% loser. Elron Electronics was 4.7% lower. The Goldfront group of securities continued to impress, as speculative demand pushed prices higher. The 1.0 shares gained 9.9%, while the 5.0 stock was nearly 14.5% higher.

Vitalgo returned to winning ways with its 1.0 share recording a 9.9% advance. The 5.0 Vitalgo share was 7.1% per cent improved. Parize 1.0, however, was hit by profit-taking and backtracked by 10%.

Dubek's board of directors approved a 130% bonus share payment.

Most active stocks

Maritime 0.5	601	2351.9	-40
Maritime 0.1	1547	2322.4	+42
Shares traded		15648.1	
Convertible		1513.3m.	
Bonds		15132.1m.	

Bank of Israel exchange rates

June 9, 1983	IS
U.S. dollar	45.3091
British sterling	71.4521
German mark	17.7126
French franc	5.8852
Dutch guilder	15.8036
Swiss franc	21.2848
Swedish krona	5.9305
Norwegian krone	6.2534
Danish krone	4.9622
Finnish mark	8.1822
Canadian dollar	36.6978
Australian dollar	39.7200
South African rand	41.8868
Belgian franc (10)	8.8658
Austrian schilling (10)	25.1458
Italian lire (1,000)	2.9902
Japanese yen (100)	18.7111
Jordanian dinar	124.60
Lebanese pound	10.51
Egyptian pound	42.0240

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Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
151,000			
Commercial Banks			
IDB p. 1	347	49	+12
IDB p. 2	159	80	n.c.
IDB p. 3	85	358	+9
IDB p. 4	771	41	+29
IDB p. 5	590	1	n.c.
IDB p. 6	545	151	+3
IDB p. 7	355	130	n.c.
IDB p. 8	201	28	+5
IDB p. 9	323	234	+3
IDB p. 10	202	147	n.c.
IDB p. 11	1154	70	+1
IDB p. 12	371	219	n.c.
IDB p. 13	144	381	n.c.
IDB p. 14	160	346	+18
IDB p. 15	123	102	+7
IDB p. 16	550	58	+5.2
IDB p. 17	375	97	+31
IDB p. 18	330	2	+0.1
IDB p. 19	282	136	+15
IDB p. 20	117	58	+5.4
IDB p. 21	401	31	+11
IDB p. 22	354	17	+1
IDB p. 23	399	30	+3
IDB p. 24	1850	5	+0.3
IDB p. 25	365	65	+13
IDB p. 26	125	125	n.c.
IDB p. 27	1265	447	n.c.
IDB p. 28	1905	100	+0.5

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
151,000			
Land, Building			
Oren	320	205	+10
Oren p. 1	569	6	+17
Oren p. 2	349	112	n.c.
Oren p. 3	397	493	n.c.
Oren p. 4	771	30	n.c.
Oren p. 5	281	118	n.c.
Oren p. 6	8247	17	+12
Oren p. 7	7401	4	+1
Oren p. 8	173	113	+17
Oren p. 9	53	203	n.c.
Oren p. 10	170	80	+10
Oren p. 11	275	135	+10
Oren p. 12	175	232	+17
Oren p. 13	709	82	+4
Oren p. 14	617	4	n.c.
Oren p. 15	176	293	+2
Oren p. 16	318	378	+4
Oren p. 17	185	85	+8.5
Oren p. 18	235	397	+2
Oren p. 19	301	364	+2
Oren p. 20	375	30	+5.3
Oren p. 21	173	113	+17
Oren p. 22	425	50	+1.6
Oren p. 23	176	60	+3
Oren p. 24	1469	1	n.c.
Oren p. 25	322	30	+6
Oren p. 26	203	72	+3.5
Oren p. 27	185	184	+3
Oren p. 28	205	571	+30
Oren p. 29	1620	284	+60
Oren p. 30	1190	117	n.c.
Oren p. 31	1636	37	+300
Oren p. 32	178	188	+10
Oren p. 33	263	422	n.c.
Oren p. 34	411	1333	+17
Oren p. 35	385	35	n.c.
Oren p. 36	847	114	+5
Oren p. 37	259	142	+5
Oren p. 38	155	30	+6.2
Oren p. 39	199	462	+9
Oren p. 40	121	486	+10
Oren p. 41	85	117	+3
Oren p. 42	2370	1	+30
Oren p. 43	1486	5	+135
Oren p. 44	1200	12	+100
Oren p. 45	3380	56	+50

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
151,000			
Mortgage Banks			
Gen. Mortgage	1811	184	+1
Gen. Mortgage p. 1	1810	3	n.c.
Gen. Mortgage p. 2	1810	363	+2.9
Gen. Mortgage p. 3	1050	170	+6.1
Gen. Mortgage p. 4	1050	20	+2.0
Gen. Mortgage p. 5	1850	31	+35.0
Gen. Mortgage p. 6	1350	141	+1.1
Gen. Mortgage p. 7	1350	2	n.c.
Gen. Mortgage p. 8	794	52	+10.3
Gen. Mortgage p. 9	3550	531	+2.9
Gen. Mortgage p. 10	1050	20	+2.0
Gen. Mortgage p. 11	2290	61	+10.9
Gen. Mortgage p. 12	5000	7	+0.2
Gen. Mortgage p. 13	2690	3	n.c.
Gen. Mortgage p. 14	3730	22	+30
Gen. Mortgage p. 15	3730	22	+30
Gen. Mortgage p. 16	5910	72	+40
Gen. Mortgage p. 17	921	17	+5
Gen. Mortgage p. 18	245	2880	+5.2
Gen. Mortgage p. 19	440	535	+13

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
151,000			
Financial Institutions			
Shilon	263	110	+2
Shilon p. 1	1917	1	+1
Shilon p. 2	1917	1	+1
Shilon p. 3	1917	1	+1
Shilon p. 4	1917	1	+1
Shilon p. 5	1917	1	+1
Shilon p. 6	1917	1	+1
Shilon p. 7	1917	1	+1
Shilon p. 8	1917	1	+1
Shilon p. 9	1917	1	+1
Shilon p. 10	1917	1	+1
Shilon p. 11	1917	1	+1
Shilon p. 12	1917	1	+1
Shilon p. 13	1917	1	+1
Shilon p. 14	1917	1	+1
Shilon p. 15	1917	1	+1
Shilon p. 16	1917	1	+1
Shilon p. 17	1917	1	+1
Shilon p. 18	1917	1	+1
Shilon p. 19	1917	1	+1
Shilon p. 20	1917	1	+1

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
151,000			
Insurance			
Aryeh	1190	331	n.c.
Aryeh p. 1	43500	3	+3500
Aryeh p. 2	777	183	+3.1
Aryeh p. 3	93	93	n.c.
Aryeh p. 4	1620	32	+1.8
Aryeh p. 5	671	104	+25
Aryeh p. 6	2401	1	n.c.
Aryeh p. 7	2650	10	+2.5
Aryeh p. 8	1810	11	+1.5
Aryeh p. 9	810	9	+1.0
Aryeh p. 10	630	135	+18
Aryeh p. 11	485	14	+2.1
Aryeh p. 12	1870	389	+40
Aryeh p. 13	1850	4	+0.2
Aryeh p. 14	1850	4	+0.2
Aryeh p. 15	1185	34	+10
Aryeh p. 16	3300	20	+0.6
Aryeh p. 17	2670	3	n.c.
Aryeh p. 18	265	346	+6
Aryeh p. 19	225	313	+17
Aryeh p. 20	231	401	+8
Aryeh p. 21	733	71	+35
Aryeh p. 22	353	107	+11
Aryeh p. 23	200	20	+8
Aryeh p. 24	2344	17	+220
Aryeh p. 25	1810	12	+4
Aryeh p. 26	1130	31	+70
Aryeh p. 27	665	102	n.c.
Aryeh p. 28	4380	3	+70
Aryeh p. 29	3860	3	n.c.
Aryeh p. 30	511	41	n.c.
Aryeh p. 31	275	189	+1

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
151,000			
Services & Utilities			
Galei Zohar	426	36	+1
Galei Zohar p. 1	180	72	+10
Galei Zohar p. 2	80	57	+9
Galei Zohar p. 3	316	18	+21
Galei Zohar p. 4	2580	232	+10
Galei Zohar p. 5	2580	232	+10
Galei Zohar p. 6	2580	232	+10
Galei Zohar p. 7	2580	232	+10
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Galei Zohar p. 18	2580	232	+10
Galei Zohar p. 19	2580	232	+10
Galei Zohar p. 20	2580	232	+10

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
151,000			
Oil & Gas			
Alkaf	329	32	+5
Alkaf p. 1	319	10	+3
Alkaf p. 2	2100	77	+50
Alkaf p. 3	1195	105	+31
Alkaf p. 4	1783	90	+60
Alkaf p. 5	761	9	+11
Alkaf p. 6	2600	43	+1300

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
151,000			
Oil & Gas (cont.)			
Alkaf p. 7	329	32	+5
Alkaf p. 8	319	10	+3
Alkaf p. 9	2100	77	+50
Alkaf p. 10	1195	105	+31
Alkaf p. 11	1783	90	+60
Alkaf p. 12	761	9	+11
Alkaf p. 13	2600	43	+1300

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
151,000			
Oil & Gas (cont.)			
Alkaf p. 14	329	32	+5
Alkaf p. 15	319	10	+3
Alkaf p. 16	2100	77	+50
Alkaf p. 17	1195	105	+31
Alkaf p. 18	1783	90	+60
Alkaf p. 19	761	9	+11
Alkaf p. 20	2600	43	+1300

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
151,000			
Oil & Gas (cont.)			
Alkaf p. 21	329	32	+5
Alkaf p. 22	319	10	+3
Alkaf p. 23	2100	77	+50
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Where the U.S. erred

By GIDEON RAFAEL

proclaimed at the time of their military intervention in Lebanon, in 1976 and 1982 respectively, that their aim was the elimination of the PLO's terror rule in the country, their true objectives were quite different.

Syria intended to establish its predominance over its western neighbour by assuming the role of arbiter in the civil war, while Israel aimed at establishing its unchallenged control over the West Bank by breaking up the infrastructure of the PLO and its nerve centre in Beirut.

Never before had a decision taken by an Israeli government been founded on so many wrong assumptions and never before had an action initiated by it produced a chain reaction of such fateful errors. They are now the subject of a cathartic national debate, whose repercussions are still unforeseeable.

BUT ISRAEL was not alone in its errors. Its best friends erred in their own way. The first act of the new Reagan administration in 1981 was to implement the last step of the Tehran hostage deal. It unfroze the sequestered Iranian funds and welcomed home its diplomatic captives, thus bringing to an end an extraordinary coinaction of human ordeal and diplomatic humiliation administered to the world's mightiest power by a fanatic and tumultuous regime of military insignificance.

Ayatollah Khomeini could boast that he had proved the validity of Bismarck's adage: The weak gain strength by effrontery and the strong grow weak because of inhibitions. The successful application of the maxim in Iran did not pass unnoticed by other governments bent on mischief.

The new U.S. administration, assuming that the Soviet Union had gained during the era of détente military preponderance and extended its influence to regions far beyond its boundaries, embarked on a massive programme of rearmament and the political and military shoring up of areas of crucial strategic, economic and political concern threatened by Soviet expansionism. The Middle East became a primary object of American endeavours to stem

well-behaved. It offers memoranda of strategic understanding to the apparently cooperative, and rewards the faithful — and sometimes the not so faithful — with arms and grants.

IT IS TODAY an open secret that the U.S. government knew, and possibly far in advance of the hapless Israeli cabinet, of the forthcoming war in Lebanon. Sharon did not conceal his plans, and not even his operational maps, from visiting firemen in Jerusalem, or from the secretaries of state and defence in Washington. Why, then, did the administration watch the unfolding of the events like a Greek tragedy, emitting occasional ambassadorial signs of anxiety or, at critical junctures, mild-mannered presidential letters of admonition?

Was the U.S. indifferent to the possibility of an outbreak of war? Hardly conceivable, in view of its traditional policy of preferring certain peacetime stability to certain wartime instability. Perhaps the answer lies in its inability, in common with most members of the Israel government, to foresee the scope and consequences of the war in Lebanon.

When it dawned on Washington, jolted by Brezhnev's warning, that the war had global strategic implications, President Reagan intervened forcefully with Prime Minister Begin to cease all military operations immediately. By that time, the IDF had administered severe blows to the Syrian air and ground forces in the Bekaa valley. Washington's diplomatic intervention saved the Syrian army from certain defeat.

THIS WAS the moment for American diplomacy to establish its influence in Damascus, not only to secure the end of the fighting, but also to bring about the speedy withdrawal of the Syrian and PLO forces facing a determined and highly effective Israeli army. Syria's situation then was not dissimilar from that of Egypt at the end of the Yom Kippur War, when Israel held the encircled Third Army in its grip. The then secretary of state, Henry Kissinger, knew how to transform the Egyptian military dilemma into a peace opportunity.

Why the Reagan administration failed to take a similar initiative in Damascus in those fateful days of June 1982 is a matter for speculation. Was it for lack of diplomatic savvy or the absence of leadership due to Secretary Haig's preoccupation with the war in the Falklands and his own shaky position? Or was it perhaps simply because of a misreading of the military and political

situation in Lebanon? Whatever the reason, the opportunity was lost. June last year and as matters have developed since, the U.S. can hardly expect to recover it. Its leverage in Damascus is presently at a low ebb.

WHY THEN, does Washington continue to appear confident that it can achieve the evacuation of the Syrian and PLO forces? For appearances sake? This is unlikely. A government as responsible as that of the U.S. would hardly tend to present fiction for fact.

But what are the means? American diplomacy has of persuading President Assad? The threat of an Israeli military initiative?

That proposition lacks as much credibility as rationality. Israel is not in the mood to go to war against Syria unless attacked by it. The U.S. government must be aware of the implications of such a war. And should it have any doubts on the matter, the combined wisdom of its ambassadors presently meeting in Washington is likely to dispel it. And finally, Assad has good reason to count on solid Soviet support in case of a war launched by Israel. In any event, a new flare-up would induce the U.S. to consult at once with the Soviet Union on how to end it. And this is certainly not a greatly cherished objective of American foreign policy.

In the prevailing conditions, the American insistence on Israel's staying put on the present lines holds more perils than prospects. Even though Syria and Israel are resolved to avoid a new round of fighting, the present deployment of their forces within shouting, let alone shooting, distance of each other ignites a new conflagration by accident or misapprehension. Too many arsonists, uncontrolled by the confronting armies but possibly remote-controlled by trouble-seekers, are roaming the inflammable soil. The most urgent task, therefore, is to defuse this time-bomb by separating the Syrian and Israeli forces. Units of a reinforced multinational force should move in between the new lines quickly.

Why the U.S. prefers eyeball-to-eyeball confrontation to an out-of-sight separation is hardly understandable. If the continued deployment of Israeli forces on Lebanese territory is considered a useful method of effecting the evacuation of the Syrian and PLO forces, it is certainly less dangerous to wait each other out from a safe distance than from a perilous proximity.

Too many costly errors have already been committed by all sides. We cannot afford any more. The next one may be fatal. Let us hope that the conference of the ambassadors of the U.S. in the Middle East now taking place in Washington will help to avoid it.

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Burg's implausible 'nyet'

AS REGULAR as clockwork, the issue of daylight saving comes up every year. The call for changing the clock during the summer tends to originate in the Energy Ministry, where it is pointed out that an enormous saving could be effected by a gain of even a single hour of daylight. Some sources have estimated the saving at up to \$200 million.

Just as regularly, however, the Interior Minister, Dr. Yosef Burg, rejects the plea. Sometimes he will describe daylight saving as "unhealthy" — a preposterous claim, which must sound particularly ironic to those farmers who find the early morning hours the most pleasant for work during the summer.

As an alternative Dr. Burg will argue, without bothering to explain why, that setting the clocks back would make morning prayers more difficult for his religious constituents. He will also insist that daylight saving time is sure to cause a violation of the sanctity of the Sabbath by cinema owners who would open their doors before sundown. As if it were impossible for the cinemas to rearrange their schedules on Saturday nights.

Dr. Burg's religious arguments have won little support even among his own National Religious Party colleagues. But this does not seem to faze him. He has got the power to bar summer time, and bar it he will.

Now the minister has been handed a "last-minute" petition by 65 of the 100 Knesset Members who are not cabinet ministers, urging him to institute summer time. The 65, representing a broad spectrum of parliamentary opinion, both opposition and coalition, state that summer time is necessary "to save energy and foreign currency and assure the welfare of the working people... while also seeing to it that no violation of the Sabbath or the festivals is involved."

The trouble with the petition is that it is certain to be consigned by Dr. Burg to the dustbin. If the petitioners are serious about the issue which caused them to band together, they should also act to strip Dr. Burg of his power and force him to institute daylight saving time.

The case for summer time is clear and compelling. The people want it, and most civilized countries have it. There are also precedents for it in Israel: in fact, on May 16, 1948, this newspaper reported in a frontpage story that a two-hour summer time rule would go into effect that night — in Jerusalem, the city of religion.

Equal before the law

LAST DECEMBER Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat came under severe criticism for ordering the demolition of an illegal building in Kfar Shalem, in the course of which a local resident was killed while brandishing a weapon at the police. The complaint against Mr. Lahat was that the mayor was showing an excess of zeal for keeping law and order in Tel Aviv's poorer southern regions while closing his eyes to massive violations in the more affluent northern sections.

Now hotelier Haim Shiff is complaining because Mr. Lahat's reach has extended to northern Tel Aviv, where the mayor earlier this week ordered the dismantling of a construction elevator of a tower being put up by Mr. Shiff. The permit for the elevator expired some six months ago, and the entire tower structure is alleged to have been overbuilt and improperly converted from a hotel to an office building.

But Mr. Shiff, a Herut supporter, believes that the Liberal Mayor holds a grudge against him for backing Mr. Lahat's Labour opponent in the last election. So, although he is taking the matter of the elevator to the High Court of Justice, he is not content to allow justice to run its natural course: he is threatening to work for a withdrawal of the Likud's endorsement of the mayor as its candidate in the next municipal election.

Whether the loss of Mr. Shiff's vote would harm Mr. Lahat's cause is at best uncertain. The mayor is a politician, not a knight in shining armour; but disciplining the unruly Mr. Shiff, with his countrywide record of brushes with the law, will not necessarily be to Mr. Lahat's disadvantage. Whatever additional personal motive Mr. Lahat may have had in acting against Mr. Shiff, his purpose was honourable.

As he put it later, the purpose was to show that everyone in Tel Aviv is equal before the law. In a small way, this is indeed what Mayor Lahat demonstrated.

IT IS ALWAYS more comforting to see diplomats sitting down to reason together than flying around making more headlines than progress. The roving ambassador is usually the man with the quick fix and the short-lived success. His sedentary colleague is normally the man with intimate knowledge and sound judgment of issues and prescriptions for their long-range treatment. His abode is the negotiation room, preferably shaded from the limelight. The flying ambassador's home ground is the airport, unavoidably illuminated by the spotlights of publicity.

Foreign policy is generally more effective when all its arms move at a given time in the same preordained direction. This week, the United States' heads of mission in the Middle East are converging on Washington at the summons of the secretary of state. Presumably they will review and consult about the present uncertainties in their respective areas. And perhaps even come up with some new ideas on how to unlock deadlocks and defuse some of the powder-kegs rolling downhill.

The Syrian-Israeli confrontation is one of them. The still considerable presence of PLO units in Lebanon is another. Looking beyond the horizons of the Lebanese crisis, as they certainly will do, the envoys will attest that the region abounds with war, tensions and dangerous impasses. To ignore them would seriously impair the ability of the American policymakers to deal effectively with the immediate problems posed by the Lebanese complexities.

What are they? And how did American diplomacy try to grapple with them in recent years?

THE CRUX of the Lebanese problem today is the absence of central governmental control over the whole of the country's territory and the presence of foreign forces using it as a base for their hostile operations. Their confrontation is dangerously sharpened by their association with the two conflicting superpowers, and occurs against the grim record of a still-smouldering civil war, now in its eighth year.

In this situation the total evacuation of all foreign forces, as provided for in the Israel-Lebanese agreement, is of course, an urgent necessity, but not a cure-all. The agreement concluded as a result of energetic American insistence links the withdrawal of the Israeli forces with the evacuation of the Syrian and PLO troops.

Although both Syria and Israel

READERS' LETTERS

EVOLUTIONARY POLEMICS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — The article by Professor Herman Branover (May 20) is a flagrant example of violent, intemperate and irresponsible name-calling. His diatribe against his colleagues in biology had no place in a journal directed to a reading public wishing to be informed of major trends in modern thought.

Most biologists believe that a modern version of Darwinian evolution best describes the accumulated data of the past centuries, but these working scientists are denigrated as dogmatic and irrational ideologues whose studies are less than useful and whose very purposes are suspect.

Branover claims to know the meaning and methods of true

science, unlike the mass of scientists working in the field, and supports his position by appeal to higher authority, namely Popper, whose scientific philosophy is far from universally accepted.

His article does not clearly describe the many specific and general views of the biologists whom he castigates, nor his own alternative hypotheses.

Such an article does not contribute to the discussion of evolutionary thought. It is an inadmissible form of polemic and should not have been published by The Post.

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THE CAPTURE OF THE BEAUFORT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — On June 6, it was a year since the Beaufort was captured. On June 7, it was a year since TV showed the then minister of defence, Ariel Sharon, informing Prime Minister Begin that the Beaufort had been taken without casualties while the premier admired the view.

On June 8, it was a year since a knock on the door informed six families in Israel that their sons, serving in a crack combat unit, had fallen in the fight for the Beaufort. Almost a year ago, we returned

the condolence letter of the minister of defence and the prime minister because they had not apologized for their deceitful announcement on TV.

Six young men were killed in the battle for the Beaufort. Six worlds were destroyed. Yet the then minister of defence and the prime minister still have not found the time or urge to answer us or even acknowledge receipt of our letters. Thus do they honour the memory of the fallen in the Lebanese war.

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HOW DID American diplomacy cope with such a formidable array of contingencies, some of them unforeseeable, most of them predictable? Lacking a coherent, workable and coordinated Middle Eastern policy, the U.S. improvised from case to case, using its standard equipment of stick, carrot and visiting fireman. Its assortment of psychological means of persuasion was slightly bigger. It ranged from presidential *billets-doux* to thunderous telephone calls; verbal abuse to insincere flattery; from threats so heavily veiled as to be non-transparent to promises too vague to impress.

Not always does American diplomacy speak softly, but generally the stick it carries is not very big. The carrot diet it offers is, of course, more attractive, even when it consists more of dangling the carrot than feeding it. It dangles presidential invitation in front of the

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Riding without a valid ticket of course is a punishable offence, and those found out by the inspectors employed by the Amsterdam Public Transport Department must pay a fine. Yet many people continue to ride without a ticket in the hope

that they will escape detection. The director of the Amsterdam Municipal Public Transport Department recently issued a confidential instruction to his inspectors that to avoid trouble they should not bother with persons without tickets who become aggressive. Owing to a leak this reached the press. As a result a far larger number of tram passengers than usual started travelling without tickets and, when caught by inspectors, became "aggressive."

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